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TORPEDOED DURING CHRISTMAS PARTY

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—The British steamer, Stanholme, 2,473 tons, was sunk without warning by a U-boat yesterday off the west coast with the loss of 14 lives.

The ship had left port two hours earlier and the crew were celebrating Christmas below decks when a terrific explosion occurred.

The ship began to sink immediately.

Died Saving Wife

The death roll includes the Chief Engineer, who was drowned through his efforts to assist his wife who was aboard. She was saved.

The U-boat was sighted by a deck-hand too late for him to raise an effective alarm.

Two Submarines Sighted

One survivor declared that he saw two submarines and that they had no time to launch the life-boats.

The crew jumped overboard. Some managed to get on to a small raft from which they were later rescued.

BIG MACAO EXPLOSION

Bomb In Well-Known City Hotel

Macao was rudely shaken on Saturday night by a terrific bomb explosion in the Central Hotel, where is situated one of the Colony's most popular gambling establishments.

The explosion occurred on the first floor at a time when the building is normally packed during week-ends with visitors from Hongkong and many other parts of Kwangtung.

A great panic followed the sudden detonation. Hundreds rushed helter skelter to the elevators and staircases and many are said to have been injured in the mad scramble. Outside a great crowd collected within a few minutes and traffic became impassable in the narrow street. Police were quickly on the scene, but investigation showed that little damage had been done.

According to a Hongkong resident who was an eye-witness, the explosion occurred on the staircase of the first floor and, as far as he knew, there were no casualties.

Mr. Fu Wai-sung, a well-known Hongkong resident, who owns the Central Hotel, was staying in the hotel at the time. The motive of the plot is still obscure and police investigations are proceeding.

Air Forces Have Quiet Christmas

PARIS, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—The air was calm throughout Christmas as bad visibility kept aircraft grounded.

The latest figures of British casualties, recently published, were the subject of comment by a War Office spokesman, who said that they effectively answered the German allegations that France was bearing the brunt of the war and that Britain was doing nothing.

News of the Australian air squadron's arrival in Britain is received with enthusiasm in France.

SEEK TRANSFER OF SHIPS

U.S. Company's New Application

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—The United States Line will forward an application to the Marine Commission for permission to sell eight vessels to the Norwegian firm, the North Atlantic Transport Company, thus transferring them to Norwegian registry.

If the application is approved, the ships will be operated between New York, London and Liverpool. It will be recalled that the American firm had previously sought to transfer its ships to the Panama flag but withdrew the application.

Pitcairn Islanders Isolated by War

PANAMA CITY, Dec. 26 (UP).—Inhabitants of lonely Pitcairn Island, populated by several hundred descendants of the mutineers of the Bounty, have been cut off entirely from the outside world since the European War began.

Before the war British ships running to New Zealand and London via the Panama Canal used to put into Pitcairn with supplies from New Zealand.

Since the war, however, this practice has been abandoned, it was said, because of fear that German submarines are operating in the vicinity.

The present situation is not likely to work any hardship on the islanders, because they have abundant crops of fruits and vegetables as well as fresh meats.

Hitler's Tour Of Front Lines

BERLIN, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—In the course of his announcement of Hitler's Christmas with the troops on the Western Front, the official news agency says that on his tour to the hills of Spichern the Fuehrer crossed the frontier and promoted the captain commanding the sector to the rank of major.

Hitler's whole tour was marked by promotions and presents to the troops.

Settling New Boundaries Soviet-Japanese Commission

MOSCOW, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—After eight meetings, the Chita Joint Soviet-Japanese-Mongolian-Manchukuoan Frontier Commission has concluded discussions. They laid the foundation for a settlement on January 7 when the same Commission will be convened at Harbin.

It is stated that it is agreed that the frontier points will then be charted on the map.

The opening session at Harbin will coincide with the arrival of the Japanese trade commission to Moscow for conferences with Foreign Commissioner Mikoyan.

Transfer Of U.S. Ships

Government Permission Sought By Big Line

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (UP).—The United States Line has asked permission from the Federal Maritime Commission to sell eight ships of the Atlantic Transport Corporation to a Norwegian company.

They said if the sale was approved the ships would operate between New York, Liverpool and London.

Previously they had sought to transfer the same ships to Panamanian registry.

BERLIN-MOSCOW AIR SERVICE

MOSCOW, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—The Soviet and German governments have concluded a convention to establish a regular mail and passenger air service between Moscow and Berlin starting on January 3.

THE KING'S BROADCAST MYSTERY

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—Much interest and curiosity has been aroused regarding the origin of the authorship of the quotation with which the King concluded his Christmas broadcast.

A number of literary authorities, including the Poet Laureate, Mr. John Masefield, were approached and declared that they had no knowledge of the author.

The mystery is partly solved by Mrs. J. C. M. Allen, of Bristol, who states: "The quotation was found on a post-card among a dead man's effects. I don't know who wrote the original. I sent the quotation in a letter to the 'Times' in the dark days of September as a message of encouragement, and I presume the King must have seen it."

The quotation was as follows: "I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:—Give me light so that I may tread safely into the unknown. And he replied:—Go out into the land of God. That shall be to you better than light."

THE POPE GRATIFIED

Cordial Message To Pres. Roosevelt

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (UP).

His Holiness the Pope has instructed the Apostolic Delegate, M. Cicognanni, to assure President Roosevelt that the newly appointed personal Ambassador to the Vatican, Mr. Myron Taylor, will be cordially received.

A letter written in similar strain was sent to the President by Dr. George A. Butterick, President of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

"Has Brought Great Joy"

In a letter to Archbishop Spellman, the Apostolic Delegate said: "The President's message has brought great joy to the heart of the Holy Father, coming from such an exalted source, inspired by such noble sentiments and containing such high hopes for spiritual and civil benefits in the cause of peace."

He further stated that His Holiness the Pope desired to make a personal and official reply to President Roosevelt. Meanwhile he has instructed Mr. Cicognanni to express his sincere gratitude to the President and to assure him that his representative will be cordially received in a manner befitting the highly important mission entrusted to him.

Pope's Invocation

"The Holy Father invokes the heavenly assistance of Almighty God on the occasion of Christmas upon the President of the United States and the whole American nation," the letter said.

President Roosevelt has invited Dr. Butterick and Rabbi Cyrus Adler, President of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America to confer with him to-morrow.

Appointment Welcomed

The Secretary to the White House, Mr. Stephen Early, to-day said that President Roosevelt had received 400 telegrams during the weekend regarding Mr. Myron Taylor's appointment to the Vatican.

Only four of them criticized the President's action. Referring to these four, Mr. Early said: "They are apparently written on the assumption that the appointment means diplomatic recognition of the Vatican. A few protests have been received due to lack of understanding of the President's motives. There is no intention, and there has not been any such intention, for the appointment to lead to the restoration of diplomatic relations."

Mr. Early also said the decision will be made this week as to whether the United States Ambassador to Belgium, Mr. Joseph E. Davies, will resign and enter the State Department as special adviser on international problems regarding Russia and Central Europe.

SONS FIGHT FOR ALLIES

SKIPSEA, Dec. 26.—When Ex-Corporal Frederick Graylin wrote his Christmas letter to his two sons, one had to be written in French the other in English.

For son No. 1 is a poilu in the French army and serving in France, and son No. 2 is a Tommy in the British Expeditionary Force. The father himself was a corporal in the Army Medical Corps, during the last war.

Corporal Graylin married an estamnet keeper's daughter in France during the last war. Frederick was born before the armistice, Jean two years later. Then the mother died. One boy stayed in France and was brought up as a Frenchman and the other came to England. Now one is fighting for France and the other for England.

WAR BECOMING A LITTLE LESS GENTLEMANLY

LONDON, Dec. 26 (UP).

—After nearly four months of sparring amidst the mud and the blockhouses of the Western Front, combined with "hush hush" diplomatic activity aimed at outmanoeuvring the enemy, the second European war is getting a little less gentlemanly than it was at the beginning.

The "old school tie" spirit is getting a little frayed, and as far as the radio, newspapers and official comment go, things are inclined to get a little rude at times.

Even the stately "Times" whose editors used to entertain former wine salesman Joseph von Ribbentrop at week-end parties, is forgetting itself to the extent of printing editorials full of epithets.

The latest, headed "A Bungler's Apologia," refers to the German Foreign Minister as a "Comparative" by general ruffian.

It also describes him as "so disgusting a bungler" and says that the "author of Germany's disillusionment" is now "trying by bluster and false charges to absolve himself from the consequences of his own ineptitude."

When Ribbentrop was appointed Ambassador to the Court of St. James, the "Times" said he would be "welcomed here both for his own sake as a man whom many of us have come to know and respect and also for the policy of co-operation which he is believed to represent."

Now he is referred to in the same columns as "a travelling wine-merchant" who "frankly surprised" Englishmen when appointed Ambassador to the Court of St. James, and "altogether too light a weight" for the job.

Fierce Cartoons

Really fierce cartoons of Hitler, Goering and other Nazi leaders are being printed, although most are re-productions from continental newspapers.

One showed Hitler "the hater, hating." His nose was swollen to three times its normal size and looked as if he were a lifelong drunkard. His eyes were the size of saucers.

The other was of Hermann, Hitler's hater too. "Lying, lying, lying," said Marshal Goering, looking the toughest and Adolf the more worried and bewildered.

Official comment on Nazi bigoted speeches is now often besprinkled with expressions like "lying," "mendacious," "misleading" and "ridiculous."

Even the dulcet toned B.B.C., over whose other waves the accents of public schoolboys are disseminated throughout Europe and the Empire, retransmitting all and sundry that Britain is "playing up, and playing the game" has become infected by the deterioration in good manners.

Now the B.B.C. refers to "Hitler," "Goering," "Ribbentrop" and "Goebbels" without prefix. For a number of weeks it used to be "Herr Hitler," "Field Marshal Goering," "Herr von Ribbentrop" and "Dr. Goebbels." Stalin and Molotov, however, never did lose the grade for more than a

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23 SOVIET VICTIMS

Finnish Air Force Claims Victory

HELSINKI, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—A communique claims that on Christmas Day Finnish naval and air forces destroyed at least 23 Soviet planes, and possibly 26. Finnish aircraft suffered no losses.

LATEST

JAPANESE REPULSED

Indo-China Border Drive Collapses

CHUNGKING, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The Japanese attempt to reach the French Indo-China border by occupying Lungchow and Chengnankwan has ended in disaster, according to the Chinese reports received here. These claim that in a big battle in the vicinity of Yashultang on the highway to the Indo-China border, south of Lungchow, Chinese forces, after 24 hours of desperate fighting, have driven the Japanese back.

Heavy Casualties
The Japanese are reported to have lost over 1,000 dead and many more were wounded.

The same despatches reveal that Japanese infantry, artillery and cavalry units moved south-westward from Nanning over a week ago along the highway in the direction of Chengnankwan via the towns of Sullu, Szehou and Minkiang.

After reaching Minkiang, the Japanese column is said to have headed straight to the Indo-China border south of Lungchow.

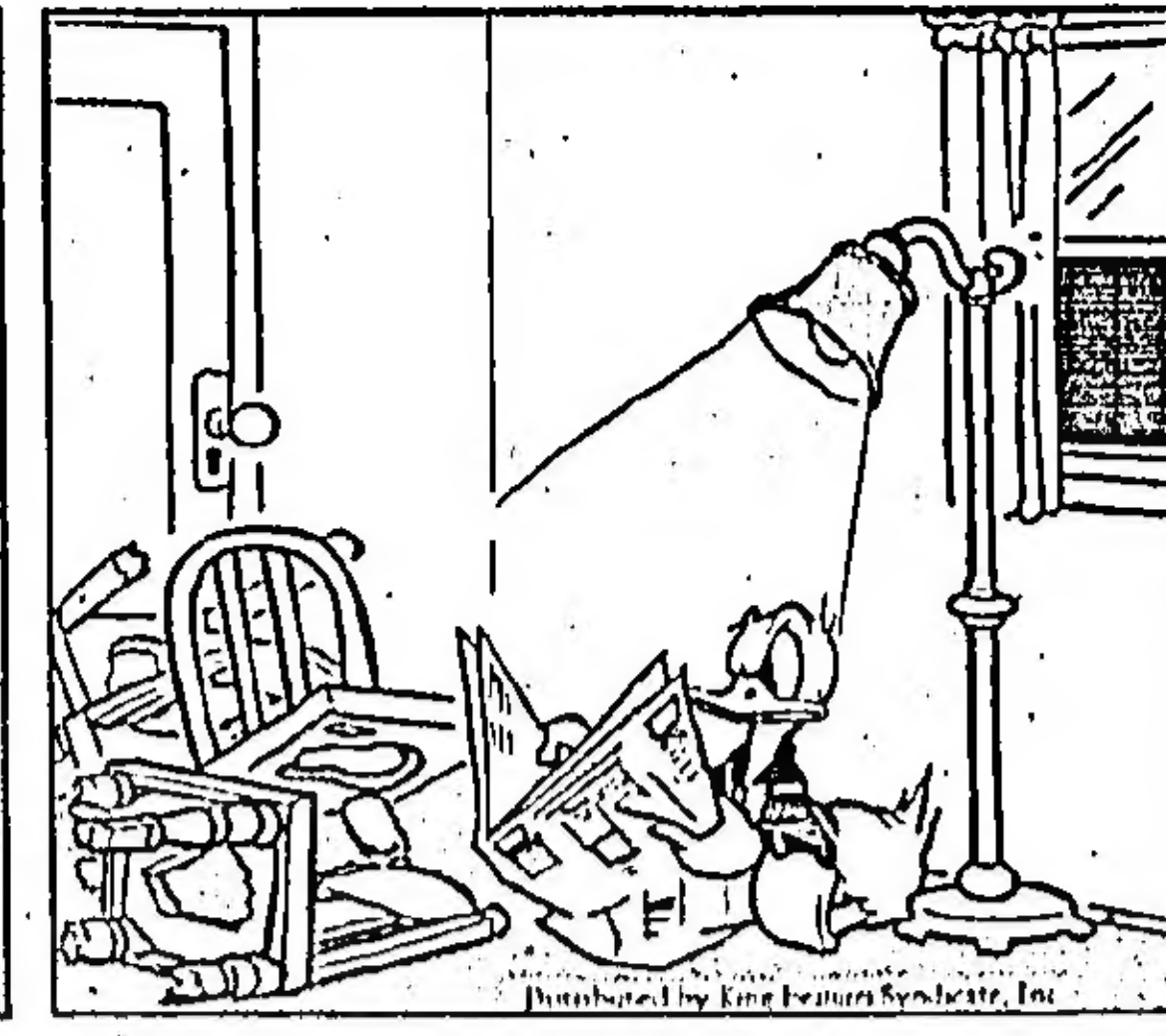
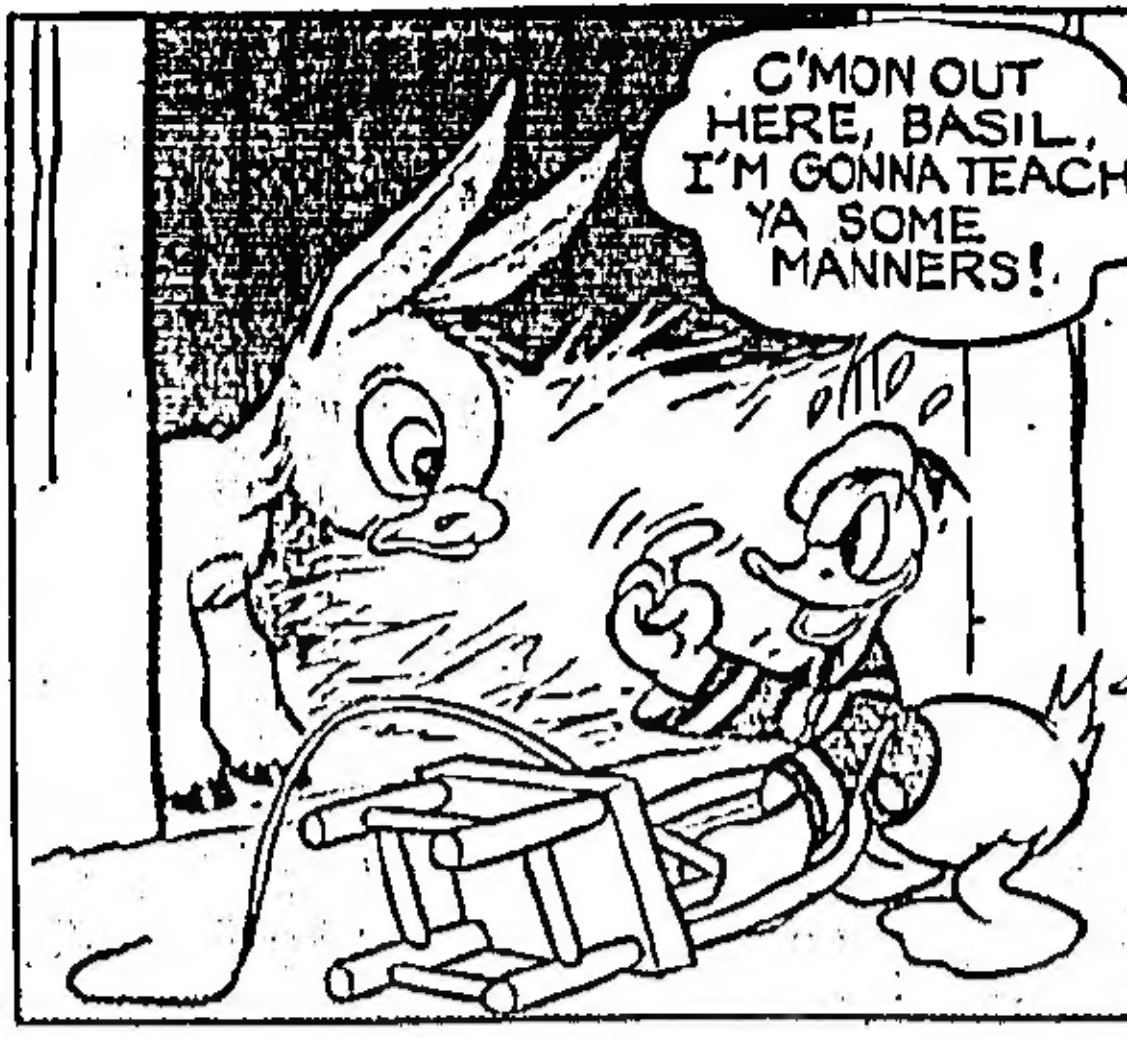
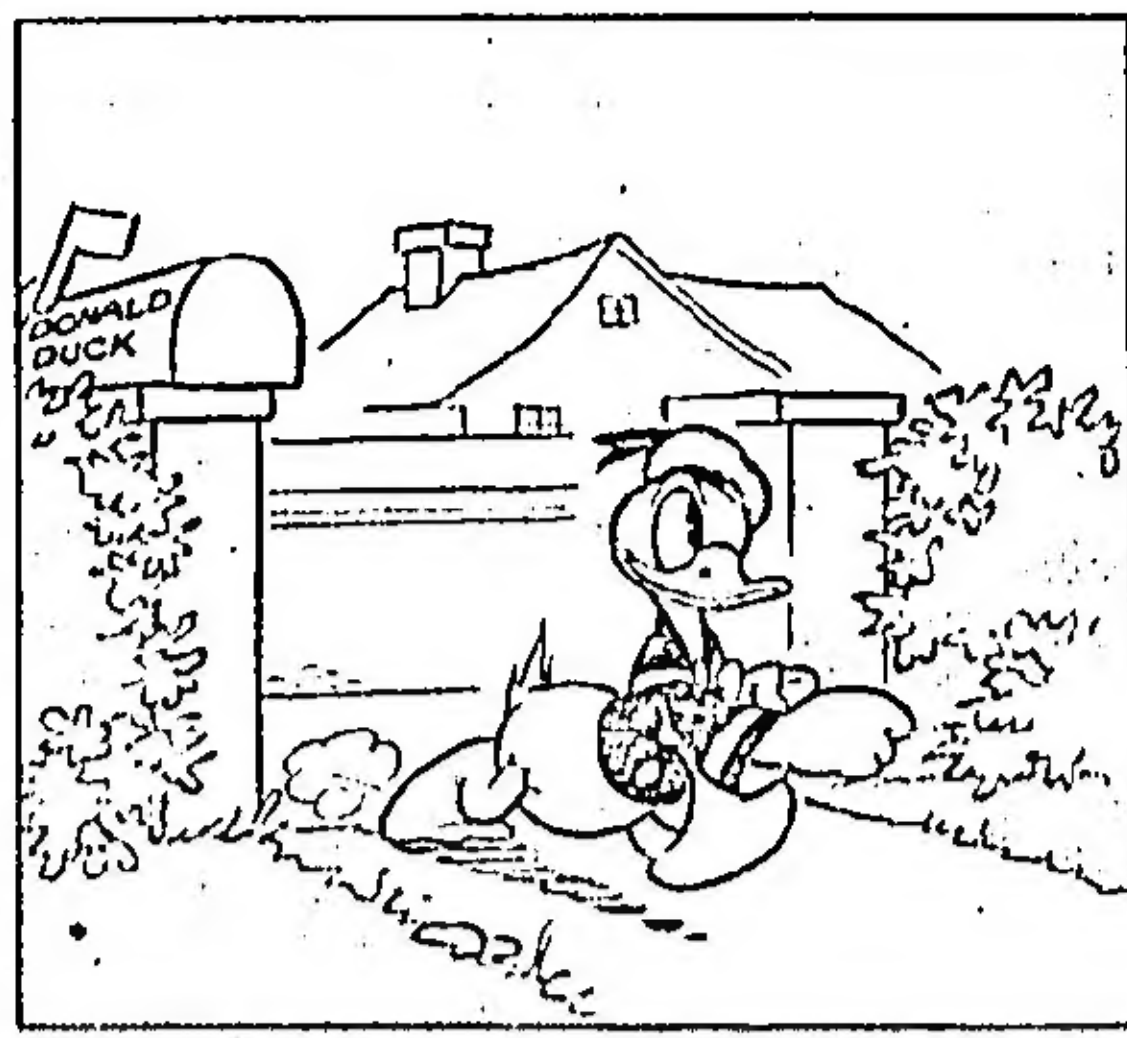
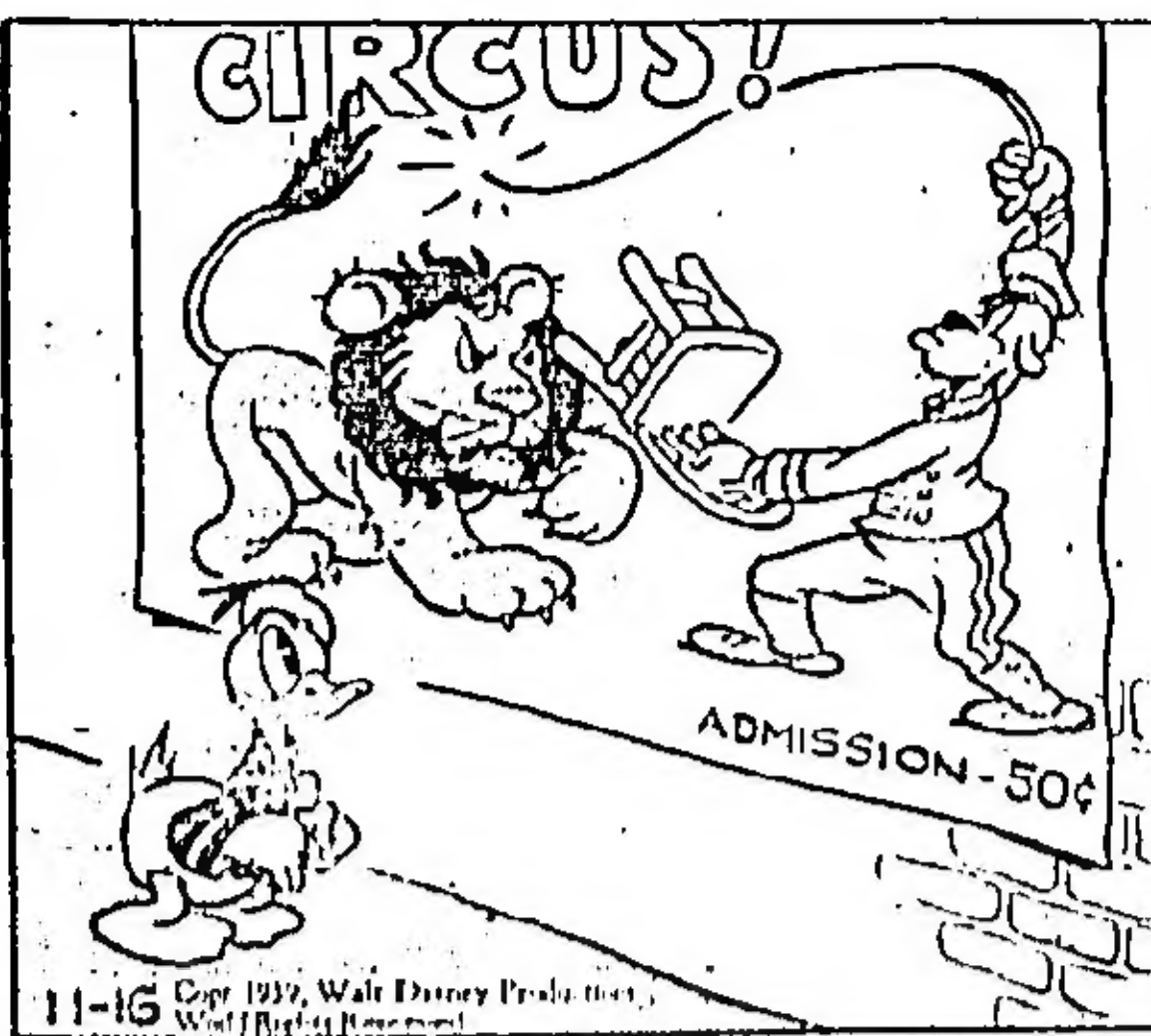
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JAPAN'S RESOURCES AT LOW EBB

TOKYO, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—"The urgent necessity of effecting stabilisation in East Asia by replenishing Japan's national resources in the face of the extremely complex international situation" was stressed by the Emperor in his speech from the Throne to the Diet.

His Majesty expressed satisfaction with the growing friendly relations between Japan and the countries with which she had treaties and added that he was gratified at the fighting services progress in China.

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Well! Felice is getting divorced—I suppose that means another wedding present.

SAILOR AT SEA HAS SWIMMING LESSONS. BY MAIL

By LOUISE MORGAN

WRITTEN somewhere on the High Seas between Hongkong and London, a letter has come to the College of the Sea, Endsleigh Street, Bloomsbury, from a sailor who cannot swim.

He is an apprentice in a tanker, aged 19, and all his efforts to learn have been in vain, he laments.

The Boon has classes in needlework and cooking, but not unfortunately in swimming. Would the College be so kind as to teach swimming by correspondence? And could the lessons begin soon, in case the tanker meets a U-boat? Sincerely yours, . . .

A parcel containing swimming charts and special instructions, dispatched from Bloomsbury to the tanker's next port of call, with a friendly letter expressing the hope that the ship would not meet a U-boat, but that if she did the apprentice would have first learned to swim.

EXCUSE ME PLEASE

The war has brought all sorts of problems to the College of the Sea, and furnished new excuses to such of its sailor-pupils as tend to be slack with their homework.

An apprentice in a convey ship wrote that he was so busy all day signalling that he would like a

month's extension for his geometry papers.

A messroom boy in a tramp steamer asked that the smudges in his essay in the Literary Criticism course be excused on the grounds that his oil lamp had been dimmed.

From an A.B. who has been taking a German course on board a trader running between Hongkong and Cebu, a request was received this week please from now on to send him the French course instead.

And a fireman on a Booth liner plying between Liverpool and a thousand miles up the Amazon asks for ten monthly lessons on how to play the piano accordion, as the crew need cheering up.

LIBRARIES FOR WARSHIP
The College is carrying on with its normal service in spite of the irregularity of ships' movements due to the war.

It is also co-operating with the British Ship Adoption Society in sending out war libraries to mine

Flattened Bullet As War Souvenir

A FLATTENED bullet is being kept by a Royal Air Force gunner to remind him of his daring raid on the German warships, caught by surprise at Heligoland.

That bullet nearly took his life. All that saved him from it was the buckle of his parachute.

The gunner was in the plane that became isolated and was singled out for attack by a Messerschmitt fighter, the only German machine to take the air.

In the middle of the machine-gun duel the gunner was hit and hurled back in his seat.

Then as his hands fumbled to find his wound, something clinked on the floor of the cockpit. It was the bullet, flattened by hitting his parachute buckle.

He seized his gun again and opened fire. With smoke and flames spouting from the fuselage the Messerschmitt dived down towards the sea.

Down . . . Down . . . Down . . .

Only one of the British bombers that took part in the raid was damaged—hit in the tail by anti-aircraft fire—but the skill of its pilot brought it home only a quarter of an hour after the others had landed.

It was in perfect weather that the bombers set out on the raid, and they reached Heligoland about 11.45 in the morning.

Riding high in the blue, they gazed down on the two small islands where two Nazi cruisers and several smaller craft, probably minelayers, were at anchor.

Radio orders cracked out from the squadron leader, and the bombers went hurtling down through bursting anti-aircraft shells.

Two Circuits

Then, coming out of the dive, the pilots bombed systematically.

One reports that three of his bombs "straddled" a warship, and he was quite confident that he registered a hit. This was confirmed by the following aircraft.

Another pilot dropped a bomb directly on a warship, and another reported that one of his bombs fell close to a ship and must have caused considerable damage.

The R.A.F. men circled the main island twice before they made off.

sweepers, destroyers and other war vessels.

More than 20,000 books and magazines has already been sent. They need not be returned, but can be handed on from ship to ship until worn out.

Fifty-five public libraries have volunteered to do the collecting. During my visit to the College 3,000 books arrived from various parts of the country.

CROSSES FOR THEIR SONS

RUDOLF HESS, Hitler's deputy, broadcast recently to German mothers. This is what he told them—

"Crosses of honour are being given to-day to our mothers with many children.

"The number of those killed, wounded and missing is small compared with the success, for it was a million-strong army of Polish soldiers which England sent to invade Germany."

"Yet we know that the fact that losses were so few will not lessen the anguish of the families of those who fell."

"Many a mother whose son died has given also her husband."

"Every mother who is in mourning should remember the German mothers in the Polish territories whose children had to suffer so much."

Once Our Enemy Now Firm Friend

LONDON.

DURING the Boer War a young man named Denys Reitz took up arms against the British. For three years he fought against what he believed was their intolerable aggression and at the end, when his side was defeated, went into exile rather than live under the Union Jack.

Recently a jovial Polesian featured man told representatives of the British, Dominion and neutral Press why he and fellow South Africans would fight with the Allies against Germany. His name was the Hon. Denys Reitz, Minister of Native Affairs for the Union of South Africa.

Britain's Generosity

"We gave the British a good run for their money," he said, "but having beaten us they treated us with splendid generosity. They returned our country to us, and within the British Commonwealth of Nations we now enjoy an even greater measure of liberty than we possessed under our own Republics."

"In addition, we enjoy a greater security, for we in South Africa are under no illusion about what would happen to us were Germany to win this war."

There was some measure of irresolution among some of the Dutch-speaking citizens of the Union at the outbreak of war, he added, but thanks to the prompt action of General Smuts they were now largely rallying.

Mr. Anthony Eden, Dominions Minister, introduced the other representatives of the Empire countries who have been touring France and Britain and exchanging views and information with the British Government.

ROBBERS ATTACK JUNK

One man was wounded and sent to hospital as a result of an attack by armed robbers on junk No. 3040W while it was east of the Nine Pins, Chinese Territory, on Christmas day.

A report of the incident was made to the Police by Chan Lin-hi, 22, master of the junk. He said on December 24 he left Lim Shan for Hongkong. At 6.30 a.m. when his craft was 10 miles east of the Nine Pins, a large fishing junk approached and opened fire when 200 yards away. One of the cargo owners, Sung Ting-chung, was wounded on the left leg.

Armed with revolvers, three robbers boarded the cargo boat and ordered its crew and passengers into a hold. After four hours' sailing, Chan said, he could hear his cargo being transferred to the robbers' boat. When this was completed the robbers left.

A mixed cargo of preserved vegetables, fresh vegetables, ginger, dried partridges, ducks, squalls, and chickens were stolen. Money was also stolen, a total loss of \$1,170.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 27, 1890.
One third of the deaths in the "Telegraph" were attributed to typhoid fever.

The first international match played in this colony for many years was commenced yesterday. Scotland opposing a combination hailing from other parts of the empire. The World had a fairly representative and good all-round team, although no doubt it could have been materially strengthened. Scotland, on the other hand, whilst admittedly strong in batting, was considered to be weak both in fielding and change bowling.

The scores were: The World—First innings 120; Second innings 104. Scotland—First innings 100; Second innings 44.

25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 27, 1914.
The Admiralty announces that seven naval cadets, at daylight on Christmas Day, attacked German warships lying in the Schilling bank, off Cuxhaven. They were escorted by a light cruiser and a destroyer force, with submarines.

Two German Zeppelins, four submarines and several submarines attacked the British squadron, whereupon a naval combat ensued, of most modern cruises against the enemy's aircraft and submarines.

Is The Kaiser Mad? By Jean Pinot. Appearing daily in the "Telegraph"

10 YEARS AGO

Dec. 27, 1929.
The visit to Hongkong of Mr. E. Phillips Oppenheim, the well-known fiction writer, who is amongst those making a world tour on the pleasure yacht, Stella Polaris, has been somewhat marred by the loss of a considerable sum of money.

The form of government under which Hongkong labours provides so little scope of the effective play of unofficial opinion that we cannot but regret any attempt to make a change of government as of small account the efforts of those who gratefully give much time and service to work connected with the administrative life of the colony.

5 YEARS AGO

Dec. 27, 1934.
The frontiers of the State will be closed at midnight and from that time onwards the only persons who will be allowed to enter the area will be those in possession of permits properly signed by authoritative persons. The frontier will be closed until January 20.

The Governing Commission announces that it is taking this action with a view to excluding undesirable elements which might cause trouble during the jubilee, before or after it. Meanwhile, conditions remain quiet. There have been no indications that there will be need for intervention of the foreign troops on duty here.

"La Journal" to-day states that Herr Hitler will publicly reject the passage in his autobiography "Mein Kampf" in which he declares that Germany must crush France as a step to prove the way to a resumption of diplomatic negotiations for solution of the present Franco-German disarmament impasse. He will make his retraction after the Saar plebiscite, the paper says.

NANNING RAIDS

Shanghai, Dec. 26.
A Japanese spokesman admitted to-day that Chinese planes were active in the vicinity of Nanning on December 23.

The spokesman said eight Chinese planes attempted a raid near Chungking, in the vicinity of Nanning, flying at 3,000 feet. Owing to the high altitude the bombs fell in an open field and there were no casualties.

At 7 p.m. the same day six Chinese planes bombed the Japanese positions at Kiating, but the bombs fell wide of the mark and no damage was done. Three of the Chinese planes were shot down.

The following day Japanese planes staged a mass raid on Kweilin and Luchow and destroyed the Chinese bases.

On Sunday Japanese planes bombed in the vicinity of Nanning, centering their attack on Chungking, where they sighted a group of 2,000 Chinese troops, which Japanese troops and air units completely annihilated.

Last night Japanese planes bombed the Chinese aerodromes at Shikling, despite resistance from anti-aircraft guns and Chinese planes. Four of the Chinese planes were shot down during the air duel. All the Japanese planes returned to their bases.

One Japanese member of the crew was seriously injured.—United Press.

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12.30 Sydney Gustard at the Organ. 12.43 Songs by King Crosby with Orchestral Accompaniment.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra. 1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Mozart—Concerto in D Major ("Coronation"). Wanda Landowska (Piano) with Chamber Orchestra conducted by Walter Gaudier.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 An hour of Dance Music.

7.0 Closing local Stock Quotations. 7.01 B.B.C. Recording—"The Heart of England." A Programme from the Midlands arranged and produced by Robin Whitworth.

7.30 London Relay—The News. 8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Classical Request Programme. "The Barber of Seville" Overture (Rossini). Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra of New York, cond. by Toscanini. Quarta O. Quella ("Rhinette") Verdi. Tito Schipa.

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Vocal—Violin in Vienna (Strauss-Dale), I Miss You in The Morning (Leslie-Burke), Al Bowly with Orchestral Accompaniment. Xylophone (Green), Lady of Madrid (Donnerell and Others), Joe Green (Xylophone and Cotarraba) and Milt Herth (Organ), Vocal—There's A Lull in My Life (from "Wake Up and Live"), It's Sweet of You (from "Wake Up and Live"), Ruth Etting, Piano, Charlie Kuriz Piano Medley No. 8, Intro: The greatest mistake of my life; Let us be sweethearts over again; Ten pretty girls; Moon at sea; No more you; Wake up and Live, Charlie Kuriz, Saxophone—My Kingdom for a Kiss (from "Hearts Divided"), I have lost My Heart in Budapest (Mihaly), Raymond Baird, Cinema Organ—Irving Berlin Memories, Intro: What'll I do; Blue Skies; Always; How deep is the Ocean; Say it with music; You forgot to remember; Say it isn't so; The song is ended, Al Bollington.

OBITUARY

Former Mexican Consul In Hongkong

The death of Mr. Jose Filomeno da Silva, Consul for Mexico here, occurred at the Kowloon Hospital on Monday. He was 62 years of age.

Mr. da Silva was at one time Consul for Mexico here, and manager of the North China Insurance Co. He is survived by four daughters, two sons and two brothers, and his widow.

The funeral took place yesterday at the Catholic Cemetery, Rev. Fr. L. Rossi officiating.

The chief mourners were his sons, Messrs. A. da Silva and J. da Silva and his brother Mr. F. da Silva. Those who attended the service were Messrs. M. de Souza, L. A. de Souza, J. Barreto, F. J. Remedios, A. B. Silva, Netto, F. H. Baines, A. V. Barros, C. R. Silva, A. C. Scavio, F. Bara-Pereira, Monillo, J. Lima, C. Pina, A. Luz, J. M. Alves, A. A. dos Remedios, C. Remedios, R. Figueiredo, M. A. Giff, C. Assumpcao, E. Red, Dennis Silva, E. Remedios, Dr. E. Souza and others.

A bouquet from "Sorrowful wife Augusta and children" was sent with the casket. Wreaths were from Julia and Hermilio, Consuelo and Edmundo, Marquilha, Francisco and Idalia, Leonor and Baba, Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo, J. Leitao, Mr. and Mrs. Leo d'Almeida, Castro Serr, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Mariani and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Mariani, O'Farrell and family, Dr. H. el Arcull, A. M. de Silva and family and the Trojans Football Team.

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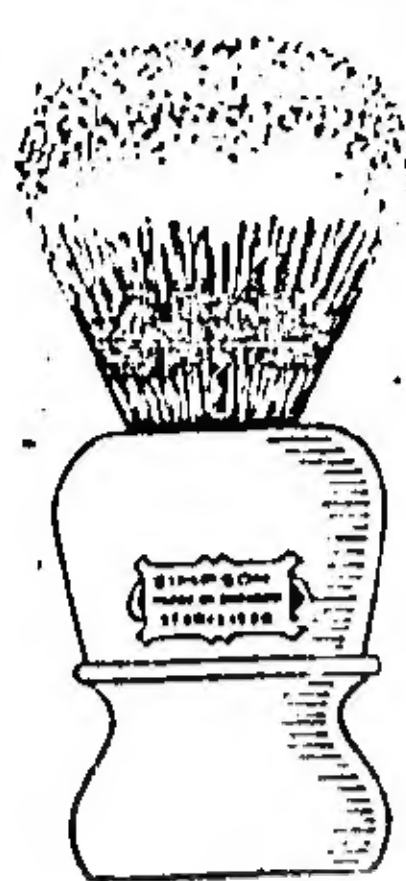
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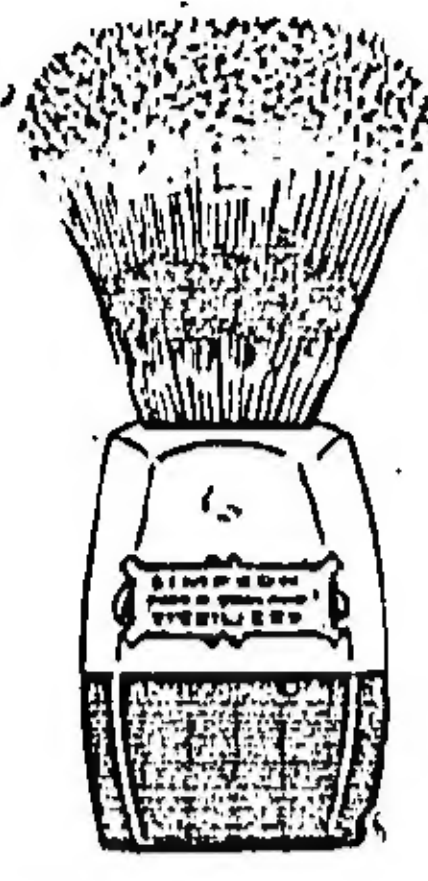
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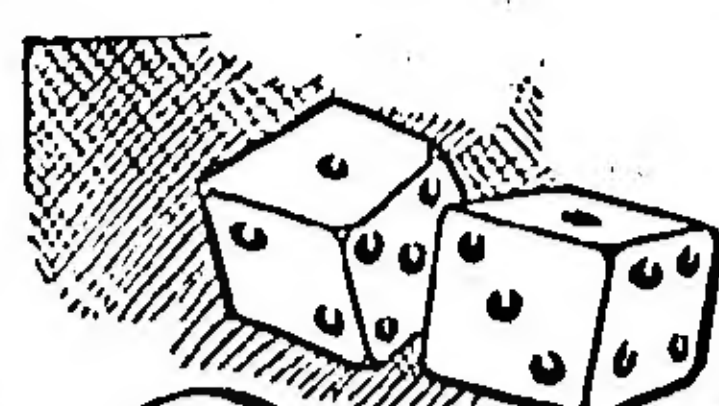
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Over The Frontiers

THE opening weeks of past war have been times of immense public excitement. Mad enthusiasm has gripped people. The glories of war and conquest have been sung by all nations. Hatred and passion have run flood high.

Not so with this war, upon which we are now engaging all our forces, from which we will not desist until the day when the challenge to the brotherhood of mankind is utterly defeated.

Here is to be found neither excitement, nor vainglory, nor hatred. There is only a determination, calm and imperturbable, to stand by the cause which we have taken up, to endure everything for it, sustained by the faith that it is worth every sacrifice.

That calmness, that clarity of spirit, have their foundation in a wide and perfect appreciation of what it is for which we have freely taken up arms.

The whole people knows that we fight to keep alive in the world these spiritual values which we call liberal civilisation, and of which not German, not the German people, but Nazism is the sworn foe.

We know what we fight, and why we fight.

We fight Hitlerism. We fight the limitless persecution of the Nazi system. We fight its denial of the oneness of mankind. We fight its cruelty and its perjury and insatiable demand for the submission of all to its authority.

That we know. And knowing, we are unshakable.

The sinking of merchantmen at sea has developed, as it did in the last war, into acts of terror. The Nazi Government has outraged the international agreement code which sought to place some humanising restrictions upon submarine warfare, and by which Germany was bound.

Such an act horrifies the world. Yet it does not surprise us here. We know what Nazism is, we know that we fight just because it is ruthless, unscrupulous, and unclean.

We know that Nazism offered no mercy to those free-minded Germans who sought to withstand the enslavement of their people to its terrible purposes, but attacked them with ferocious cruelty. We should be fools if we expected the Nazi Government to treat any differently those who now stand across its path.

It is against Hitlerism we fight. And we have no quarrel save with

DIARY OF A MOSCOW DAY

What is the everyday life of the Russian-in-the-street like? Does he eat what we do and as much? Can he say what he thinks? How does he amuse himself? These are some of the questions the London News Chronicle asked a journalist recently returned from the U.S.S.R. In this article he describes a typical working day in Moscow

MY breakfast is ham and eggs and sour milk. You can, of course, get pasteurised milk delivered at the door, but I prefer it sour. And while I eat I note that my library gets bigger. I have a growing need for that extra eight square metres of floor space that the law entitles me to as a writer.

So I send yet another application to the House Committee, the Moscow Soviet, the Building Co-operative, and write a letter to the "Pravda" denouncing the bureaucrats who are depriving me of vital space. At the same time I send a dinner invitation to Ivan Ivanovitch, whose cousin's brother-in-law is secretary of the Boiler Makers' Union, who are building a new department house on the Pokrovka. I am not a boiler maker, but I think that there is a chance of getting a boiler maker's room.

I GO to office by Metro.

My own particular station is in red marble from the Urals and makes one of London's posh tea-houses look shabby by comparison. Opposite me in the train sits a stout young woman in a hat. Next to me is a collective farmer with his whole family obviously enjoying the thrill of underground travel for the first time. It appears that he got this Moscow trip as a prize for good harvesting.

His son takes notes of the magnificent stations we pass through. They will make a report of the trip when they return to the farm.

Then—the girl—in—the hat—throws the silver wrapping paper of her chocolate bar out of the window into the tunnel. There is a moment's pained silence. The train roars on.

"How uncultured!" says the farmer in a loud voice. "Why are you filling our tunnel up with waste paper, citizen?" The girl maintains a haughty disdain, but in a few moments the whole compartment has joined the conversation and, since it is a cold day, is soon heatedly discussing the pros and cons of filling tube tunnels with silver paper.

The girl, of course, should have apologised. "Yes, comrade, it's my thoughtlessness," but her obstinate silence evokes the final annihilating jibe: "Some sort of bourgeois wearing a hat!" She is obviously an anti-Soviet element and is probably related to an enemy of the people.

But since we are all in conversation we carry on with the latest events on the farm and shake our heads over the capitalists who are starting another war. The company, however, is somewhat consoled by the thought that the most probable result of war will be Soviet revolutions in several European countries.

Theatre Square Station, where I get out, is in black and white marble with indirect lighting from alabaster textured bowls set on pedestals. A Russian ballet setting.

The streets and trams are those who would help to perpetuate its tyranny in Europe.

Because this is the issue, it transcends national frontiers. It transcends nationality itself. The fight against Hitlerism unites a brotherhood of faith, unites all who know that man's progress in bettering the human race, in cultivation of the arts of peace, depends upon the defeat of Hitler and the system he has created.

crowded and hustling as ever. Everyone is in a desperate hurry.

BY chance I get a lift from the editor, who has just received a car for his private use. He has also invested in a country cottage, and if he wasn't so busy, could lead a very comfortable suburban life. As it is, he works 12 or more hours a day. But he is in fine fettle just now because he "passed with flying colours" through all the party purges.

My seven-hour work day goes fast enough. Here the Press is as routine and hectic as abroad. But since there are no millionaires or aristocrats and not a single Russian capitalist or landlord from the Baltic to the Pacific there is no society news.

There are no football pools, and murders are back-page "fillers." So Government interpretations of the Party Line, "portraits of the leaders," production statistics, cultural notes and incisive foreign news reports from Tass (State news agency) take most of the space.

Feature display goes to the exploits of parachute jumpers, aviators, Polar expeditions and new cities founded in the desert or the taiga.

Story of the day, however, is our cub reporter, who has interviewed a famous American movie star (retired) and her baby boy husband, and asked: "When were you born?"

OFFICE work finished, I attend a trade union meeting to discuss wage rates. For the evening's amusement—I have a choice of theatres, a cafe supper and dance at the Moskva, or a really good dinner at the Astoria.

In Moscow eating is as much a ritual as in Paris. In fact one of my earliest impressions of Russians was that they are always ready for the next meal, and it is the prevalence of this trait that has probably led to the myth of the always "starving Russians." True enough, belts were tightened during the first Five-Year Plan, but since 1934 ever larger quantities of borsch, schi (cabbage soup) and caviare are being consumed. Nowadays you only queue up for newspapers.

It is probable that, but for the



A MOSCOW STREET
"Everyone is in a desperate hurry"

war, free bread distribution under some rationing scheme would have begun in a few years, but I doubt if this would create much more of a furore in Moscow than would the opening of a new water main in some English town.

It would be a real sensation though, if the Moscow Co-operatives began selling a line of good silk stockings. Recently a Scottish tourist sold a pair of silk socks in Kiev, paid the difference on his tourist rail ticket and flew back to Moscow by luxury air-liner. Air-fares are about treble the tourist fare for this two-day train trip.

A fellow tourist from Lancashire is still trying to make up his mind whether Russian air travel is ridiculously cheap or whether socks are miraculously expensive.

THE question in Russia is not one of "Guns instead of butter or schools." It is "Guns instead of stockings." The sensible Russians—and they run the country—prefer to look plainly dressed and feel secure. There is a very real demand for finery though, and female Moscow (particularly the girls

from the ballet) contrives to look exceedingly chic on occasion.

After Schiaparelli, the U.S.A.'s ace dress designer, paid them a visit a few years ago, they built a special fashion salon with a stage for mannequin parades. At the same time the high price of good clothes is a powerful incentive to raising the productivity of labour, which is still relatively low. Wives egg on their shockbrigade husbands to ever greater achievements to earn more money to buy them more dresses.

AND incidentally, conservatism trary to expectations, socialism has reaffirmed the sanctity of the home and big families. Divorces are progressively expensive. The first one costs 50 roubles. The seventh is a luxury that only popular novelists can afford.

As a result Russia has a large and visibly increasing population. As an American friend put it: "Our train compartment had one Red Army man with a beautiful shaven head (Russians no longer admire beards, they like to be clean shaven all over), one Red sailor, one engineer from Turkestan and the usual pregnant woman."

I finally decide to spend my evening at the Park of Culture and Rest. Here I meet a group of English tourists who are listening to an open meeting on Nazi-Soviet relations addressed by a Red sailor. There is polite laughter when a tall lady in tweeds asks whether a Soviet Non-Aggression Pact with Nazi Germany means that Russia is going Nazi.

Somewhere around ten-thirty I return home. The day ends with a long argument with my housekeeper who lost her house in the revolution 25 years ago and is a staunch opponent of Stalin. She has never hesitated to criticise the Party Line, Stalin, Housing, the quality of State bread or Soviet morals.

IN public, of course, she is more subdued than among her friends. She was singularly uncommunicative during the Nazi-Trotskyite plots and spy scare of 1937, when the man downstairs was arrested and commissars came and went. But as internal conditions have again settled down she has resumed a spirited offensive.

Her grievance tonight is that the new Palace of the Soviets is going to be so tall—higher than the Empire State building—that the statue of Lenin on its top won't be seen for the clouds.

And having failed to convince her that life abroad is not nearly so perfect as her imagination paints it, I retire after a pro forma day spent building socialism.

IN PRAISE OF WINTER

COLERIDGE did not like the winter. In a letter to Wordsworth he complains of the cold mornings, and says that as he sits before the fire muffled in a great coat he finds it impossible to produce good work.

Such was not the case with Nathaniel Hawthorne. The author of "The Scarlet Letter" says that he owed his inspiration to the time when "the log roars on the hearth, when the embers rattle in the gust, and the steady raindrops pelt hard against the window panes."

Literature owes much to winter. Had it always been summer we might never have read "Paradise Lost," for Milton could not compose during the bright months of June, July, and August.

This appears to be true of other great writers, who are loud in their praise of November and December as months in which it is easy to work. Though they wrote enthusiastically of spring, of "England now that April's here" of the summer rose, they are at one in informing us that creative work was best inspired during the dismal months.

Charms Of The Hearth

Here is Sydney Smith for example. "Never speak to me about summer. Summer has no charms for me. I look forward anxiously to the return of bad weather and blazing fires!"

Here is a quotation from Benan. He makes the point that in great

countries where the sun shines almost all the year round the literary output is practically negligible. "India, so prodigiously fecund in everything else, does not possess one single line of history. She has come down to our day without thinking really worth the trouble of being consigned to writing."

Another writer expresses a similar opinion, concerning Egypt. "Ten thousand years have not sufficed to the Egyptian, to produce a single writing of real literary worth."

National character is profoundly affected by climate. In Iceland, where it is winter nearly all the year round, the people are not only literary-minded, but the few authors of that country have produced work of outstanding merit. With all its sunshine, Ceylon has not given us an Eastern classic, nor has Java produced a Hans Christian Andersen.

Lotus Eaters

It may be stretching a point or committing logical fallacy, but lands where winter has its innings for many months of the year give the world its greatest writers and readers. There is more than fanciful poetry in Tennyson's "Lotus Eaters," in lands where "it is always afternoon" there is a marked lack of great poetry and prose.

Another point. English winters have given our poets much material for great work. Go through the classics. We are familiar with binny breezes, nightingales, cuckoos,

and young love in the spring. The fact is, however, that much of our great poetry deals with the praise of winter.

For example, here is Keats writing in November:—

"Where are the songs of spring?
Ay, where are they?
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too."

So have thought most of our great poets.

The writer who has done more to immortalise winter than any other expressed his great secret once when a friend presented him with a work of table-centre in drawn threadwork depicting three seasons—spring, summer, and autumn.

"But where?" inquired Charles Dickens "is winter?"

On being informed that winter had been omitted, as a gloomy design would have spoiled the brightness of the work, the author of "A Christmas Carol" replied: "A year without winter would be gloom indeed."

It was his love of the winter fire-side that made him the author of our excellence of the home life of our people. Without the winter could Dickens have so excelled? Had he been an Indian, could he have given us that memorable picture of David Copperfield at his own fireside?

Let another writer answer. "Asia has no homes." But, then, Asia has no winter to speak of.

Arthur T. Rich

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Leaders Urged To Meet

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuters).—Broadcasting to America, Mr. Kato, Japanese ambassador, urged that a conference of war leaders should be held to seek a settlement.

He said in some way a conference would have to be tried eventually, and common sense suggested that it should be tried now, before the war had wrought its full havoc.

ITALIAN PLANE WRECKED

Rome, Dec. 26.

It is officially announced that an air liner on the recently inaugurated Rome-Rio de Janeiro service is missing.

The air liner left Villa Cisneros, West Africa, for Seville en route to Rome, but failed to arrive. During the flight the wireless operator reported a storm of such violence that the ordinary wireless direction finding apparatus was unusable.

It is thought that the pilot tried unsuccessfully to land near Mogador and the machine was destroyed.

Four persons were aboard, including one Italian and two Brazilian journalists.

The service will, however, be maintained according to schedule.

It was reported later that the air liner was found wrecked in a forest in the region of Mogador. Four charred bodies were found in the debris.

The plane was making the initial flight from South American to Rome after a successful outward flight.

America and Japan PEACEFUL TRADE IS DESIRED

Washington, Dec. 25.

Senator William Borah telegraphed to Mr. H. P. Herber, Seattle lumbermen's representative, and reiterated that he favours all reasonable efforts to maintain peaceful trade relations with Japan. However, he added, he would continue to oppose the sale of "arms, ammunition and implements of warfare."

Senator Borah told the press he felt Mr. Joseph Grew was "dealing with the situation with good judgment. My telegram should not be construed in any other light. Not only in the interests of business, but in the interests of peace in the Far East, we want peaceful trade relations with Japan. In urging this, I have no desire to work any wrong on China."

Mr. C. T. Marchison, head of the International Cotton Textile Institute, in an interview with the United Press said that the institute was most anxious that the treaty with Japan be renewed. "If a new treaty is not entered into," he said, "it will be a serious blow to Japanese and American trade. I do not think trade will collapse, but it will be a serious deterrent. I also hope the treaty will provide for private agreements between United States and Japanese business men."

He pointed out that Japan was still an important market for United States cotton, inasmuch as Germany and Italy were out. He was of the opinion that the treaty abrogation would not affect the so-called gentlemen's agreement on textiles with the Philippines.

Senior William King of Utah, said: "If we enter into a new treaty with Japan, there should be a renunciation, on her part, of her demands to be paramount in China. This is a good occasion for us to urge peace in China and urge Japan to cease her violence in China and to her claims to be paramount. I would not want the United States to shake hands with Japan while they are destroying the Chinese people. Forty million Chinese have already been driven from their homes and ten million have been killed or wounded. It is one of our most terrible chapters in history."

Consults Army Chiefs

The Japanese Ambassador to America, Mr. K. Horiuchi, said it is possible that there will be concessions by Tokyo for the purpose of effecting a new trade treaty subject to the approval by Japanese military authorities in China.

He said the Foreign Office first must obtain support of the officials in China before an agreement can be written to replace the one existing. Tokyo was therefore sending a commission of military and civil leaders to the Chinese war zone for consultations with Army leaders "to effect the necessary unanimity."

America Still Silent

Washington, Dec. 26.

Government quarters continue silent regarding the Tokyo trade

FINNS' ARMY LEADERS FEELING MORE CONFIDENT

Christmas saw no relaxing of the Russian drive against Finland but the defenders managed, in Arctic cold, to withstand all attacks and on one front to force the invaders back into their own territory.

This success occurred north of Lake Ladoga. On the Karelian Isthmus, the Mannerheim Line held firm against a determined attack.

The Finnish army leaders are apparently more confident now, and in the north, at least, it is not expected that the Russians will be able to make any substantial advances during the remainder of the winter, if thereafter.

Vehring, Dec. 25.

A Russian "Big Bertha" to-night resumed the bombardment of Viipuri which started last night. The first shells were heard at 7.40 p.m. from a range of about 25 miles.

It is officially reported that the Finnish forces threaten to push the Russians back across the Russian frontier, eastward of Lake Ladoga where fighting is now going on. Russian shells for the first time since the commencement of the war, the Russians attacked Viipuri yesterday after heavy artillery preparation, and Soviet planes heavily bombed Viipuri. From our high vantage point, our hotel balcony, we were frequently ducking inside as big chunks of shell fragments clattered on nearby roofs, saw huge jets of fire, smoke and pieces of buildings shot up from the outskirts a few hundred yards away. Then a great column of black smoke.

North of Lake Ladoga, near Lomola, the Finns destroyed one tank. Near Vuorijoki, the Finns smashed two Russian companies and the Russians are in retreat. The Russians lost one tank and two guns. On the left end of the Mannerheim line, at Taipale, the Finns repulsed an enemy attack and destroyed one tank. At sea, the famous

Three days ago where we stood was the scene of fierce fighting in a bloody battle, when six to seven hundred Russians were killed. The officer said, "Poor fellows, they knew they were going to die. We found diaries in their pockets stating that none of them thought they would return to Russia."

While talking, a Finnish ski patrol in white snow suits, gliding by, suddenly, there were rifle shots and the rat-tat-tat of machine guns. The officer smiled and said, "The chaps in the wool are probably shooting at reindeer."

However, a ride to the front in white washed cars on the icy roads presented proof that not only were there reindeer in the woods—under a wreathed truck we saw the waxen face of the frozen corpse of a Russian soldier killed by a sniper in the woods—and returning we passed tents housing 20 soldiers, their equipment all ingeniously camouflaged so that from a few metres distant nothing was visible but dry wood and branches of trees.

The Finnish "comforts" are illustrated by a farm house behind the lines where I saw a young soldier, a Finnish steam bath and race naked across the snow to dress in a stable, at which the newspaper correspondents, who were covered to their noses in wool and furs, shuddered audibly.—United Press.

Some Closing Rapidly

Helsinki, Dec. 26.

An official communiqué states that the Finns shot down two Russian planes.

The freezing sea is beginning to hamper movements of motor torpedo boats and small submarines, and already the eastern part of the Gulf of Finland has been closed to these.—United Press.

Long Range Shelling

Viipuri, Dec. 26.

The Russians continued all night a 25-mile bombardment with their Big Berthas until 9.40 a.m.

From midnight the shells fell at more frequent intervals. Apparently they were heavy charges, some leaving craters 10 feet across and six feet deep.—United Press.

Soviet Claims Successes

Moscow, Dec. 26.

A Leningrad Military Command communiqué claims minor successes in the fighting between reconnoitering units, which in some cases developed into serious encounters.—Reuters.

House of Representatives met this afternoon. It says: "At a moment when the world situation is filled with grave potentialities all efforts will be made by a solid unity of the nation to cope effectively with the situation, fulfill the Imperial aspirations and stabilize the Far Eastern situation."—Domet.

Important Naval Base

Tokyo, Dec. 26.

Vice-Admiral Ejima Kondo, former Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Yangtze Flotilla, who led the hazardous drive to Hankow, has been appointed first Mayor of Tateyama, the seat of a Naval Flying Corps in Chiba Prefecture.

Significance is seen in the appointment as it is believed that Tateyama will be developed into an important naval base.—Domet.

Expedition Starts

Junk Cheng Ho Sails For Manila

Under the friendly auspices of glorious weather and a favouring breeze, the luxury Junk Cheng Ho sailed from Hongkong soon after noon yesterday on the first stage of the Fairchild Tropical Garden Expedition. She expects to make Manila in about five days. Afterwards she will sail for the Molucca (Spice) Islands and will pursue a leisurely course around the world lasting about two years.

The junk took aboard a number of well-wishers before she left her anchorage just outside the wall of the Causeway Bay typhoon shelter. Chinese "devil-scaring" ceremonies attended her departure, including a marathon dragon dance to a percussion band. This dance was staged aboard a launch, which circled the junk many times before she weighed anchor and then pursued her until she reached Lyceum.

Using her motors and, later, all sails, the Cheng Ho sailed down the harbour to West Point and back again. Captain John Fant, who was waved farewell from Jardine's Maitland and this and a number of other ships broke-out bon voyage signals. The craft travelled smoothly at eight knots, with scarcely any vibration from her powerful motors.

Near Junk Ho, the visitors on board were taken off by the following launches, which then stood off the Cheng Ho and showered her with crackers. Her adventurous personnel gathered on board and gave a final wave as she approached the boom just before 3 o'clock.

The Cheng Ho will be joined at Manila by the two sponsors of the expedition, Dr. David Fairchild, Director of the Fairchild Tropical Garden, Coconut Grove, Florida, and Mrs. J. Archibald, Washington Society woman, and by Mrs. Fairchild. The Fairchilds are already in Manila. Mrs. Archibald is in Hongkong and will follow the Cheng Ho by Clipper in a few days.

One of those who travelled the junk was Mr. A. Carmelo, Mexican Consul in Manila. Mr. Carmelo's yacht Elvira, will be sailed to Manila shortly by Mr. James Peterson, who is leaving the Cheng Ho at Manila and will return to Hongkong.

The Hongkong Workmanship in the Elvira's construction has so pleased Mr. Carmelo that he is planning to build a larger pleasure craft—a 55-ft. brigantine—in the Colony next year.

Particulars of Junk

The Cheng Ho is a Foochow type junk 55 feet in length at the low water level, with a breadth of 24 feet and a depth of 10 feet. Her loaded mean draft is approximately 10 feet 9 inches. Her gross tonnage is about 150.

Her auxiliary propelling machinery consists of two sets of 110 h.p. Diesel engines driving twin feathering screws. The accessories include a motor-driven and sail whale boat, a motor sampan, and unpowered glass-bottom boat.

Insurance policies on the junk U.S.\$45,000. Each member of the crew is insured for 11,000 against death and for 11,000 against loss of limb or eye. The crew consists of 12 Chinese.

No Truce At Christmas

Paris, Dec. 26.

There has been no Christmas truce on the Western Front. The Germans have been almost as active as usual, sending out patrols and reconnaissance units. They were particularly active east of the Moselle, but their operations were sporadic and did not exceed local raids.

The main effort was at 4 a.m. on Christmas Day when, with the usual accompaniment of artillery and trench mortar fire, they launched a raid of some importance on a wood east of the Moselle and sought for 90 minutes to approach a French post, which was surrounded by a box barrage, but the raid failed in the face of French automatic arms and artillery.—Reuters.

Activity In Air

Berlin, Dec. 26.

A High Command communiqué states that British war planes attempted to attack German patrol boats in Heligoland Bight yesterday. It claims the attack failed in the face of the German machine guns.—Reuters.

Australians Arrive

London, Dec. 26.

The first Australian contingent, consisting of members of the air force, have landed at a south coast port.—United Press.

Reuters adds that all the men are fully-trained pilots, gunners, observers, ground staff or mechanics ready to operate alongside the R.A.F. immediately.—They are under the command of Wing Commander L. V. Lachal.

Christmas Tragedies

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (UP).—Violent deaths interrupted the Christmas holidays in hundreds of homes. At least 407 persons died violently in automobile, airplane and railroad accidents, as well as shootings, fires and drownings.

Traffic accidents killed 285. Thirty-one committed suicide, 24 died from burns, and 67 from miscellaneous causes.

For example, in Inception, Illinois, a girl's dance went berserk and shot dead her parents, wounded her brother and then committed suicide.

At Los Angeles an aviator flew low to wave to his friends and crashed into a radio tower, where he was killed.

At St. Paul a man was run over by a motor car he was cranking up.

The Police Reserve

List Of Parades For The Coming Week

Police Reserve orders by Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police, are:

Chinese Company

Patrol duty will be carried out as ordered.

Indian Company

Training Course: Part II.—The undermentioned will attend Central Police Station on Wednesday, at 5.15 p.m., for Squad Drill under Sub Inspector Nishit Khan:

Constables B. Singh, Y. Tibe, A. Karim, A. Mohamed, S. Khan, A. W. Kader, J. Din, M. Nazir, I. Krippl, M. Azzal, Lal Singh, N. L. Advani, A. Hamid, B. Abbas, Alta Mohamed, A. Haroon, A. Khan, M. Singh, M. Ramzan, Kesar Ali, S. A. Izzat, M. Ibrahim, M. A. Hamet, K. Ali, H. Khan, K. S. Mohd, A. R. Feroz, Nizamuddin, Najab Khan, Mohamed Hayat, J. J. Tella.

Patrol duty will be carried out as ordered.

Flying Squad

The following promotions have been announced—Lance Sergeant Lee Chuan-lee to Sergeant, Constable Ho Wing-kwan to Lance Sergeant, Constable Ng Lung-kwan to Lance Sergeant, and Constable Sung Shu-chue to Lance Sergeant.

Patrol duty will be carried out as ordered.

Emergency Unit Reserve

Inspector W. V. Field and Lance Sergeant W. J. Trickett have been released in order to join the H.K.N.V.R. and their resignations have been accepted.

Sub Inspector J. A. Beault has been promoted to Inspector and has been appointed Officer Commanding the Emergency Unit Reserve.

The following promotions are also notified, P.S. M. A. de Saun to Sub Inspector, S. J. C. Power to Police Sergeant, P.C. M. L. Affanassieff to Lance Sergeant, P.C. W. E. Donohue to Lance Sergeant.

All ranks will parade at Central Police Station on January 3, at 5.25 p.m., for inspection of equipment, etc. by the Commanding Officer. Dress, blue uniform, Cap with white cover, belt with brace, breeches, gaiters, white and chain, armbands, and truncheons.

All recruits will parade at No. 2 Police Station on January 3, at 5.25 p.m., for instruction under Inspector J. A. Beault. Patrol duty will be carried out as ordered.

Matauchung Escapes

Two Internees Gaoled For Damaging Property

Chiu Tak-piu, 28, and Lo Wai, 19, internees, were sentenced to two weeks' hard labour each by Mr. Himsforth on December 23. Lau, who made his escape through the wires surrounding the camp, was arrested in a tea house in Kowloon City the same day.

Inspector Rogers said defendants bored holes in the boards to enable them to be used in an attempt at escape through the barbed wires round the camp.

Three weeks' hard labour was imposed on Lau Ki-po, 30, internnee, by Mr. Himsforth for escaping from Matauchung on December 23. Lau, who made his escape through the wires surrounding the camp, was arrested in a tea house in Kowloon City the same day.

MONGOL PRINCESSES

Chungking, Dec. 26.

The city expects the visit of two princesses from unoccupied Inner Mongolia in the near future.

They are Princess Chi Tsun-feng, hereditary ruler of the West Banner, and Princess Fa Yun-ying, hereditary ruler of the East Banner. At present they are in consultation with Prince Shu, 60-year-old elder of entire western Inner Mongolia, after which they will come to Chungking via Yulin and Sian.—United Press.

Stomach Upset by Acidity?

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SCOTLAND WIN DESULTORY MATCH

England Defeated 2-0: Schoolboy Prominent In Forward Line

(By "Rex")

EXCEPT FOR INTERMITTENT thrills, the Scotland-England International football match played at the Hongkong Club ground yesterday was a tame affair, and ended in an easy win for Scotland by two goals to nil. The game bordered on desultory, its redeeming features being the splendid goal-keeping of Duncan, the Scottish custodian, and an excellent display by Ferrier, Hossack and Pryde of short passing, which seemed to have had the England defence at sixes and sevens.

Bright played one of his worst games this season and after the first few exchanges the English side fell completely away to allow the Scots to do almost as they pleased.

Duncan gave one of his finest performances to date, and appeared to have full confidence in his back. When he was left to face the English attack alone, he came through with flying colours, saving point blank shots from Fowler and going full length to the same player and Thoburn.

Blackburn and Bone were a tower of strength and showed an understanding that is seldom seen amongst backs in this Colony. Bone had the full measure of Fowler and prevented this player from ever getting really dangerous. Blackburn, faced with a tricky left wing combination, acquitted himself creditably, so much so that Saw and Thomas appeared to be subdued.

Williamson gave his finest as an attacking pivot, and was given excellent support by his wing halves. McEwen and Clarke had the situation, from the start, well in hand, but were wise not to relax their vigilance.

BRILLIANT SCHOOLBOY

THE forwards were a delight to watch, especially Ferrier, Hossack and Pryde. Their passing very often left the English defence spread-eagled. Pryde's youth (he is only a schoolboy), and inexperience did not seem to weigh very much on his shoulders, and he carried himself gallantly, and was seldom robbed of the ball. Ferrier played much the same type of football as the former, and plied Hossack with many opportunities for running through and scoring. The two wingers were given hardly anything to do, but when they were called upon responded gallantly. Munro was the better of the two, his fine runs down the field, and nice centring being a treat to watch. Tall was starved in the second half, and much was not seen of this player throughout.

Robinson was very shaky and did not seem to recover. He executed some brilliant saves but never appeared his usual self. After the first goal, which was not at all his fault, he seemed to brood over it and had a preoccupied appearance.

Roughly was the better of the two backs, Hendy was inclined to allow his man too much rope, attempting to dispossess him rather than race for the ball. Roughly took his chance more seriously, and it was to his credit that he ignored Tall and suddenly to send him a pass, but Roughly was not to be caught napping and Ferrier desisted.

AN OFF DAY

BRIGHT seemed to have had an off day and never settled down. Wilkinson was easily the best of the halves. He alone seemed to have sized up the situation well, and did his level best against Pryde. Layhe was a rasher, and his tactics seemed to meet with success on quite some few occasions, but he was inclined to do the opposite of what he should do, being up when he should have been down and vice versa.

The forward line, with the possible exception of Fowler and Thoburn, was a complete wash-out. Gardner, the third division player of Hongkong Electric, found representative matches a task, and, besides, was not in his accustomed position at centre-forward. He never really got going, and when he did was always robbed of the ball. Thoburn worked very hard and deserved a goal at least, but his poor shooting was to the Scots' advantage. Fowler was a trier, and he, too, deserved goals. His fault lies in that he does not realise he has a strong kick, and invariably taps the ball a slight way, leaving it to an opponent. Saw was never seen to advantage, and was never to trying for goal and feeding Fowler too much.

ENGLAND KICK-OFF

SCOTLAND won the toss and chose to play with the sun behind them. England's initial attack petered out for Scotland to bring the ball up. Pryde and Hossack inter-passed for the former to hit the side of the net with a shaky cutter. Robinson was finding difficulty with the sun in his eyes, and so were defenders, Roughly and Hendy. Bright tried from about 60 yards out for Duncan to sit over. Fowler started a movement down the left side after passing with Pryde and Hossack, but the latter slid, and Roughly cleared. From the clear-

nance Fowler tried a solo run and tested Duncan with a hard drive.

Fowler again broke through, and when on the point of shooting Duncan dived at his feet and he was forced to jump over him, and the ball was cleared with Fowler and Saw in close attendance. The game flagged somewhat with much midfield play, the half backs being much in evidence. Williamson was forcing Bright back and succeeded well.

SCOTLAND SCORE

WILLIAMSON sent Ferrier off with a lovely sweeping pass. Ferrier ran some way and parted to Pryde who took a snap shot at goal. Robinson jumped for it, but the glare from the sun caused him to misjudge the flight of the ball with the result that it hit his left shoulder, twisted out and went spinning into the net. This reverse did not seem to provoke England to any special efforts and Scotland seemed inclined to let matters lie.

Play brightened up a little, but a half-hearted manner of going about things featured the English side's play. Munro completed a nice run down the line, and from his centre Ferrier headed for Robinson to collect, fumbling badly. Munro came up again, and sent in another fine centre, this time Tall attempted to head the low shot, and only succeeded in losing his balance, his outflung foot meeting the ball for it to hit the cross bar and rebound into play for Roughly to clear strongly.

A free kick was given against Ferrier for obstruction, and Bright sent Fowler off. He collided with Bone, and Gardner failed to follow up the advantage, kicking the ball against Duncan's knee. Fowler sent Gardner off, and from the centre Thoburn kicked the ball after tricking Bone, and having only the goalkeeper to beat. The game slowed down considerably till half time.

ONE-SIDED PLAY

FROM the resumption the Scots asserted themselves and did pretty much what they liked with the defence all excepting Roughly. From a breakaway pass by Williamson, Munro centred for Tall to miss a nice header. Hossack ran through from a pass from Pryde, but his left kick went yards out. Fowler brought Duncan to his knees soon after this. Fowler was trying very hard for the equaliser, and in one of his efforts a penalty was given for obstruction, but he failed miserably with a very bad shot.

Another free kick was given for obstruction, and Bright came very near with a hard drive. Scotland put matters beyond any question of extra time when Pryde sent Hossack through with a fine pass. Hossack ran in between the two backs. Robinson ran out to challenge him and the ball was lobbed over his head into the empty goal.

Scotland pressed lively after this and forced England to play on the defensive. Ferrier tested Robinson with a nice low drive which Robinson had to go full length to save. The whistle blew as the corner kick was being taken.

Cash Sweep Winners At Fanling

The following were the winning cash sweep numbers at the Fanling races yesterday:

No. 753 RACE 1 650—
" 1047 300.45
" 728 107.44
Unplaced ponies (425 each): Nos. 102, 102, 102.
Number of tickets sold, 1266.

No. 508 RACE 2 \$1,206.00
" 93 344.77
" 1042 122.20
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 157, 157, 157.
Number of tickets sold, 1167.

No. 432 RACE 3 1,331.40
" 234 300.45
" 224 100.20
Unplaced ponies (\$20 each): Nos. 130, 130, 130.
Number of tickets sold, 1230.

No. 544 RACE 4 \$1,209.50
" 531 352.20
" 53 100.20
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 117, 117, 117.
Number of tickets sold, 1215.

HONGKONG C.C. BEAT ARMY

Alec Pearce Scores Brilliant Century

(By "R. Abbit")

Far Eastern Shot Put Record

MANILA, Dec. 18 (UP).—Walter Loving, jun., of the University of the Philippines, yesterday shattered the Far Eastern and also the Philippines records for the shot put when he heaved the iron ball 43 ft. 6 1/2 in., breaking the former record set by A. Abe of Japan, of 42 ft. 4 1/16 in.

Golf

Competitions At The Country Club

THE FOLLOWING were the results of the quarter-final round matches in the Country Golf Club Junior Championship played over the past weekend:

W. C. Hung beat C. H. Basto at the 21st.

George Lee beat C. Kew 8 and 6.

A. R. Pinna beat A. G. Botelho 2 up.

S. V. Gittins beat H. R. Pinna 7 and 6.

BOGEY COMPETITION

A Bogey Competition played yesterday was won by Mr. A. J. Kew one up.

HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—The following were the results of football matches played to-day:

Midland

West Brom. 3 Birmingham 0

Sheff. W. 3 East Midland 0

Barrow 3 North Western 0

Bradford 3 Accrington 0

Bristol C. 3 Halifax 0

Swindon 3 Newport 0

Plymouth 3 Bristol R. 0

South "A"

Clapton 3 Charlton 0

Crystal Pal. 3 Arsenal 0

Milwall 3 Southern 0

Norwich 3 Watford 0

Tottenham 3 West Ham 0

South "B"

Aldershot 3 Fulham 0

Bournemouth 3 Reading 0

Chelsea 3 Brighton 0

Queens P.R. 3 Portsmouth 0

Southampton 3 Brentford 0

British Red Cross

Charity Match

Wolves 3 All British XI 2

Other Matches

Barnsley 3 Burnley 0

Cardiff 3 Wolverhampton 0

Coventry 3 Notts 0

Doncaster 3 Blackburn 0

Everton 3 Liverpool 0

HONGKONG C.C. BEAT ARMY

Alec Pearce Scores Brilliant Century

(By "R. Abbit")

THOUGH I HAVE WATCHED these Christmas matches for many years, and even played in them longer ago than I care to think about, I cannot recall a more perfect day than Tuesday. The wicket seemed in excellent order, and the Club were fortunate to go in first.

Richardson and Fortescue opened to Godby and Ratcliffe. The former's first ball apparently stuck in his hand and lay just in front of him. Apparently it did not count as a delivery as he picked it up and the umpire gave eight balls after without calling "no-ball." I should have thought the batsman was entitled to go down the pitch and play the ball. Possibly it was a form of Christmas truce.

As a matter of fact Godby could not find a length, and Fortescue protested by R. Ratcliffe bowled very steadily and kept Richardson quiet.

The Score Board

H.K.C.C.

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|-------------------------------------|-----|
| J. E. Richardson, lb.w. Harvey | 15 |
| T. V. N. Fortescue, b Harvey | 22 |
| T. A. Pearce, c Webb, b Denyer | 125 |
| A. E. Perry, stp. c Grosz, b Murphy | 86 |
| J. L. C. Pearce, b Harvey | 10 |
| L. T. Ride, c Grosz, b Harvey | 12 |
| D. I. Bosanquet, b Harvey | 4 |
| R. D. Gillespie, c Grosz, b Harvey | 72 |
| L. D. Kilbee, not out | 15 |
| D. McLellan, not out | 7 |
| S. O. Elsie, did not bat | 7 |
| Extras | 19 |
| Total | 301 |

Bowling Analysis

| | O. | M. | R. | W. |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|
| Godby | 2 | 2 | 14 | — |
| Ratcliffe | 8 | 2 | 34 | — |
| Harvey | 13 | — | 50 | 6 |
| Murphy | 7 | — | 70 | 1 |
| Denyer | 8 | — | 72 | 1 |
| Swyer | 3 | — | 30 | — |

Army

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|---|-----|
| Capt. D. C. E. Grosz, lb.w. McLellan | 24 |
| Cpl. Webb, c J. Pearce, b McLellan | 3 |
| Capt. Murphy, c Fortescue, b McLellan | 1 |
| Capt. C. E. Godby, c Kilbee, b McLellan | 32 |
| D. I. Bosanquet, b Harvey | 17 |
| Maj. W. C. Harvey, b J. Pearce | 38 |
| Sgt. Denyer, b J. Pearce | 8 |
| Capt. A. B. Wharmann, not out | 10 |
| Spr. Ratcliffe, b McLellan | 13 |
| Capt. J. F. Lawrence, b McLellan | 9 |
| Maj. J. E. Swyer, b McLellan | 22 |
| Extras | 19 |
| Total | 208 |

Bowling Analysis

| | O. | M. | R. | W. |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|
| McLellan | 17 | 2 | 70 | 7 |
| Perry | 10 | 1 | 39 | — |
| T. Pearce | 6 | — | 42 | 1 |
| J. Pearce | 7 | — | 29 | 2 |

but a change of bowling got the first wicket, for Harvey, relieving Godby, bowled Fortescue with one that came back, 31—1—22.

T. A. Pearce came in and settled down at once, though for the time runs came a bit slowly. They came surely, however, mostly to Pearce, and it was not until 93 runs were on the board that Harvey in his second spell got Richardson lb.w. for a score of 15 made in 47 minutes—a most unusual innings for Dicky.

FIREWORKS

IT was after this that the fun started. Pearce had been very hard on Murphy, and Perry settled down and backed him up. In one

over from Denyer they took 22, Pearce getting eighteen of them, including a lovely square six into the first floor verandah of the New Oriental Building.

He completed his fifty in 38 minutes. Some idea of pace on the scoring can be gathered from the fact that the first hundred came in 53 minutes, and the next fifty in 17 minutes!

A PAUSE—THEN MORE

Murphy, a slow left-hander, went on for Denyer at the Yard end, and slowed things up a bit. He bowled much better than at the Law Courts end, exceeding only ten in his first two overs as against thirty previously. Perry by now was well in the picture. Apart from a bad misdeed shot over the bowler's head, which long field got his fingers to but could not retain, he battled really well, and his hooking of Swyers was magnificent.

When 184 was up, 91 runs had been put on in 38 minutes.

Perry completed his 50 in 43 minutes, and Pearce sent up his own ninety with a perfect extra cover drive.

It is true the bowling asked for a good tonking, but the artistry of his shots was delightful to watch. He seemed to pat the ball in the most gentle way and it was at the boundary before the eye could follow it, and all along the carpet.

THE STAND ENDS

THEN at 214 the stand came to a most unexpected close as Perry played forward quite gently to Murphy and missed it. Grosz swept off the falls and he was out, though he did not make any effort to move his foot back 214—3—66. An uncommonly good knock. The third wicket had put on 121 in 48 minutes.

A GLORIOUS CENTURY

ALEC PEARCE completed his century in 49 minutes—he had hit sixteen fours and a six at this time. Moreover he appeared likely to get more.

His first bad shot was a tremendous off drive which was dropped near the big score board, on the rails—a very hard chance. To celebrate his escape he off drove a 6 and plunked the next into the pavilion seats, but might a full toss dangerously near backward point, and later skidded one to midwicket which the fielder could not get at.

But you can't hit all of them all the time, and he hit one round with the break and was very well caught at deep mid wicket, 232—4—120. He scored his runs in 80 minutes, and had hit 18 fours and two sixes.

TIFFIN SCORE

RIDE came in and though there were no fireworks he and John Pearce by no means neglected scoring, and at tiffin the score stood at 267 scored in 115 minutes.

AFTER TIFFIN

The game was resumed very punctually at 2.02 p.m., and Harvey bowled at the Yard end. John Pearce scored a single and then Ride rushed out at once on the off and was well caught at the wicket 268—5—12. Ratcliffe bowled at the other end, and watching him through the glasses, he seemed to get his foot up before he delivered the ball every time. The umpire did not agree so I suppose next over Harvey got going and had Gillespie caught at the wicket 274—6—5, and a run later bowled John Pearce's off stump 270—7—10.

Kilbee then came in, but a few runs later Harvey, who seemed to be bowling far above his previous level, got him out. In one

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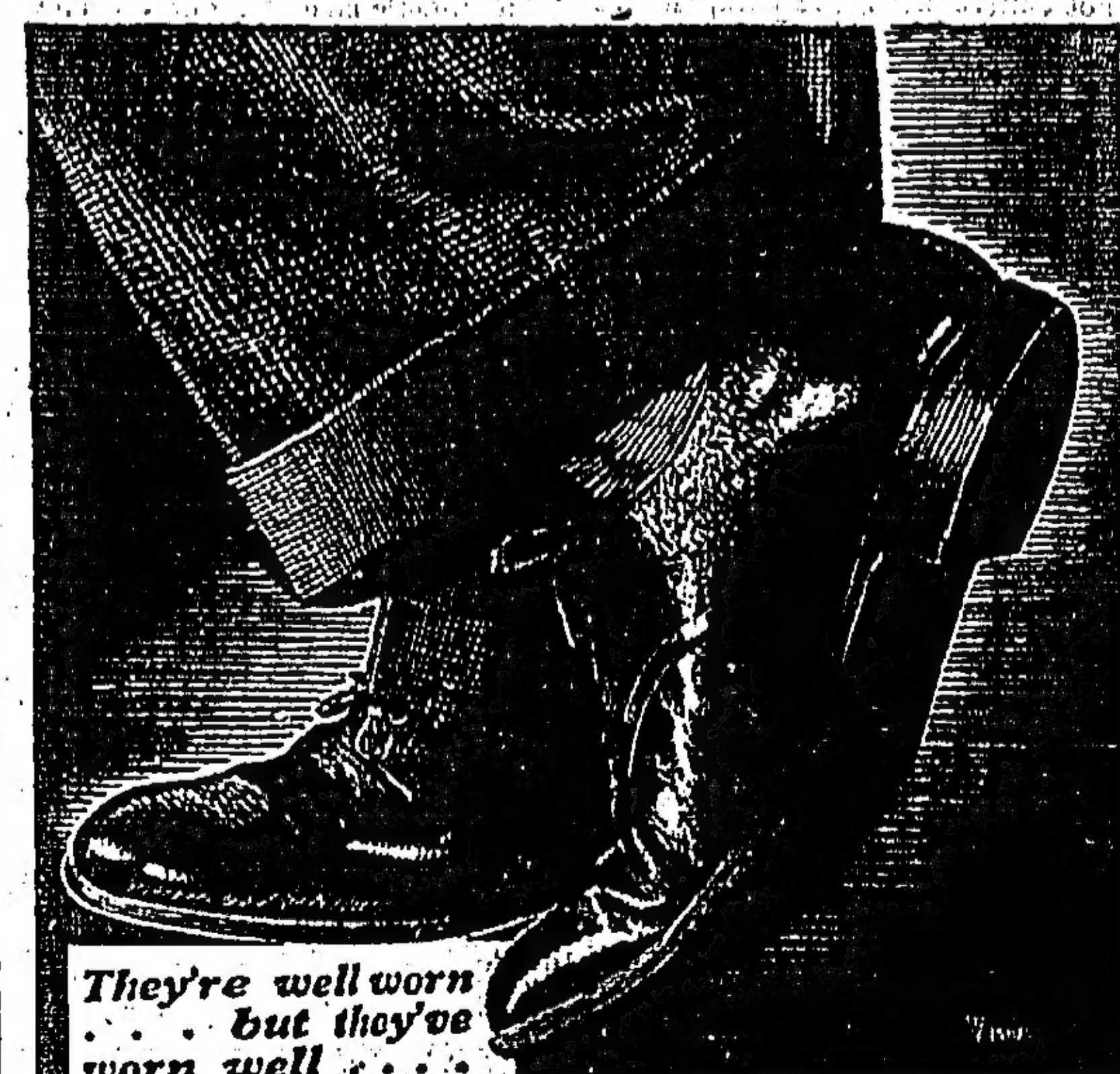
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Allies' 'Touch of Genius'

Mr. Louis Fischer, the American journalist, now in Europe, has written from Paris to the New York Nation (reports Time and Tide) as follows:—
"I find that the Allies' conduct of the war thus far has had the touch of genius. Dilettantes expected France to attack violently on the West, but the French General Staff exercised a restraint unusual to the military mind.
"Anglo-French strategy consists

in obtaining an economic stranglehold on Germany by means of a blockade and a cautious coming to grips with the Reichswehr on German soil.
"The longer the combat is postponed, the better prepared will be the Allies, whose rearmament started late, and the worse off Germany will be for want of vital imports.
"The German air force has not attempted to interfere with French and British mobilisation

or the meticulously planned transport of the first large British contingents to France.
"The Allies are the stronger, financially and industrially. They get aid from the colonies and Dominions, and they hope from America. I do not think France and England want or require active United States military participation. The chief problem of the war is materials, not men. The Allies can continue the war alone for years."

'Prison Hells' Ruled By The Convicts

"Churchill's Last Quiet Days"

Stockholm.
The United States are now regarded in Germany as "practically in the war," according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Tidningen."

Germany, therefore, he adds, does not mean to await the arrival of the American planes ordered by the Allies before striking.

The German public is being "gladdened by the prospect held out of the British Fleet as the sufferer. Well-informed circles declare that Mr. Churchill is enjoying his "last quiet week-end."

"The public are assured that the air operations against Poland will be insignificant compared with what is being prepared for Britain."

The "Tidningen" also reports from Berlin that 60,000 spring mattresses are to provide "winter comfort" for the German soldiers in the Siegfried Line.

AMAZING STORIES OF CONVICTS WHO "RULE" BRITISH PRISONS, OF "HELLS ON EARTH" WHERE MEN IN GAOL HAVE SUCH MASTERY THAT THEY CAN DO WHAT THEY LIKE TO WARDERS, ARE REVEALED BY PRISON OFFICERS IN THEIR MAGAZINE.

Like a film of the American "big house," they tell a tale of men who say in effect: "If we don't do what we like we'll pull the place down."

This is the astonishing climax reached in the Prison Officers' Magazine.

"Prisoners decline to carry out orders, often in the knowledge that they have achieved a position of such mastery that no punishment will befall them for their disobedience. Officers find themselves in an impossible position."

"To put it quite bluntly," says the magazine, "they have no confidence that, in their attempts to enforce discipline, they will receive support from above."

DO WHAT THEY LIKE

"In this state of uncertainty, the troublesome, the violent, and intractable prisoner can do, and does, almost what he likes within the four walls of his prison."

"As one officer recently remarked: 'Nothing seems to matter now, so long as we keep them inside.'"

"In one southern prison recently the probability of serious disorder was so great that representations were made to the governor on the subject. He apparently was indisposed to take any special precautions."

"Accordingly, the staffs themselves decided that the men off duty would hold themselves in readiness immediately to go to the aid of their colleagues if trouble arose."

"The fact that trouble did not arise was in all probability due to this wise precaution, of which the trouble-makers in the prison were aware."

"Encouraged"

"In a certain establishment to-day, prisoners are encouraged to believe that the bigger the nuisance they make of themselves the more consideration they will get."

"The time is rapidly approaching when, unless the prison commissioners are prepared to insist upon discipline being reasserted, the services will have to consider what courses are open to it to bring a rapidly approaching intolerable situation to an end."

In another article a prison officer writes: "Prison officers cannot go on much longer under this unendurable strain. Nervous and physique apart from personal pride, will not stand up to it indefinitely, and something will crack."

"There can be no doubt that all prison officers are gravely apprehensive."

"We are determined not to have, for one thing, any more Dartmoor 1932 incidents, but something must be done quickly to avoid them."

"If it were not for the unrelenting effort of the uniformed staff to maintain some sort of order in a welter of chaos, Dartmoor incidents would be a commonplace occurrence."

At the end of the article, a letter referring to a recent meeting between representatives of the association and the prison commissioners, writes:

"As one who is serving in one of these 'hells-upon-earth,' I cannot but feel that it is just about time. The day has come when prisoners talk to all and sundry in authority in vile and filthy language, and, for the most part, treat prison officials with contempt and abuse."

"When are the authorities going to deal with this intolerable impertinence, when are they going to stamp out for ever the idea that prisoners are just places where 'big shots' must be allowed to do and act just as they please?"

STANHOPE BLAMED FOR SCAPA LOSS

THE sensational charge that the torpedoing of the battleship Royal Oak at Scapa Flow would not have happened had Lord Stanhope been removed earlier from the Admiralty was made by Mr. Herbert Morrison, one of the Socialist leaders, in Parliament.

Mr. Morrison was criticising the Prime Minister for the "funny choice" of some of his Ministers.

Of the Earl of Stanhope, who was First Lord of the Admiralty until Mr. Churchill took over, he said:—

"If anybody on the Government side of the House were to put his hand on his heart and ask himself whether Lord Stanhope was likely to make a first-class First Lord, the answer must be No."

"I say that it was a public danger that he should have been in that office right up to the time of war."

"Why was he left as First Lord right into days of war? I do not like to talk about persons; it is distasteful. But it is part of our duty."

"Lord Stanhope had been in other offices, and may have good points. I do not know."

"When war came Mr. Churchill was brought in as First Lord, rather, I believe, on considerations of force majeure than on the choice of the Prime Minister. If it was right that he should be First Lord when the war broke out, surely it was equally right that he should have been First Lord before."

"My own belief is that the Scapa Flow disaster would never have happened if Lord Stanhope had been removed from office earlier than he was."

Of Sir John Gilmour, the Minister of Shipping, Mr. Morrison said: "I have a warm regard for him. No member is more fully respected as a man. But his choice as Minister of Shipping when ships are being submerged and blown up is just elementary folly."

Of Lord Macmillan: "His appointment as Minister of Propaganda is another mistake."

Mr. Morrison had a general charge made against the whole Ministry: "In rationalising the Government so hither and thither according to the latest blast from Fleet-street. They wobble all over the place according to the pressure that Lord Beaverbrook or some one else brings against them."

Mr. Morrison was supporting the Socialist amendment to the Address—It was the third day of the debate—and the first division of the new session followed just afterwards. The Socialist amendment was defeated by 303 votes to 125.

The amendment demanded the use of all the nation's resources in prosecuting the war, the maintenance of standards of life, and the solution of post-war problems on the basis of social justice.

In fact, the three days' debate showed more unity than division, except that the Socialist Party stressed the need to develop postwar aims now, while the Government said the thing to do was to win the war first.

HE RENTS LAND IN FRANCE FOR THE B.E.F.

Except The Trenches

And Fighting Positions

ONE of the busiest specialists of the B.E.F. is the Director of Airings. He rents from the French all the buildings, land for airfields, land for base depots, dumps, hospitals, and so forth, that are needed for more or less permanent occupation as long as the British force is in France.

For the benefit of men about to go on leave, he is now inspecting and renting suitable houses at the ports where the men may, if necessary, spend a night on their journey to England. They will not be asked to spend it uncomfortably in huts, as so many of them did last time.

For training purposes he is hiring ranges, training grounds for guns and tanks, areas for manoeuvres and the like.

Bi-Lingual Agreements
In this matter, as in so many others, we work invariably through the French authorities.

The Secretary of State for War, in whose name the lease is drawn, has the right to terminate it at seven days' notice, or immediately if through enemy action the property becomes useless to him.

He does not pay for any damage done to the property through what the agreement calls "acts of guerre." He does not pay rent for land used for trenches or other fighting positions.

Germans Fish In View Of French
Paris.

A vivid description of the complete calm obtaining in Strasbourg is given by a visitor who was there last week. Near the Rhine bridge at Kehl German anglers are indulging peacefully in their favourite pursuit.

The bridge itself has been closed to traffic by a concrete barrier erected just on the German side of the half-way mark. On this, facing the French shore, a piece of red cloth has been stretched across the bridge. It bears in huge letters the following words: "We do not wish to make war against France."

Child Labour on German Farms
Germany is returning to the employment of child labour on farms, according to an agricultural expert speaking on the German radio, says Reuter.

"On my own farm," he said, "I employ children whose average age is 12 years." He confessed frankly that the unskilled labour which many farmers were having to use was not at all successful.

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Materials—6oz. of 3-ply wool in the main shade. 1/2oz. of the same wool in each of 2 contrasting shades. A set of 4 No. 10 needles pointed at both ends. Measurements—Width, 8in. Length, 50in. Abbreviations—K, knit, P, purl, st, stitch, in, inch, st, st, stocking stitch. Tension—7 1/2 sts. to 1in.



Using the main shade of wool, cast on 20 sts. (40 on each of 3 needles) and work in rounds of K, 1, P, 1 rib for 1 1/2in. Continue in st, st. (each round K) for a further 1in. "Still working in st, st, continue in the following stripes: 1/2in. of 1st. contrasting shade, 1/2in. of main shade, 1/2in. of 2nd. contrasting shade, 1/2in. of main shade, 1/2in. of 1st. contrasting shade. Change to the main shade." Continue in st, st. until work measures 45 1/2in. from lower edge. Now repeat from * to * once and end with 1in. of st, st. and 1 1/2in. in K, 1, P, 1 rib to match the other end. Cast off loosely in the rib.

SHORT CUTS

The batter of muffins should be a little thinner than cake batter. It should not be beaten too much, if you wish it to have a smooth texture similar to that of bread.

The substitution of sour milk or sour cream for sweet milk or cream in muffins produces a more delicate, softer texture.

Nested kitchen bowls are the best kind to buy, as they take up so little room for storing and serve such a variety of uses.



This short silver fox collarless coat features vertical manipulation throughout, with black-leather length sleeves.

For Oval Face

If you have an oval face, use the lightest shade of rouge that harmonizes with your complexion. Apply in a circular area close under your eye and in the centre of the cheek and blend edges carefully so no harsh lines remain. Don't take rouge down in a narrow line or get it too near the nose. Don't accent the bows of your lips but widen your mouth by rouging all the way to the corners. Press.

Christmas Celebration

Charged with causing malicious damage to a motor car belonging to Mr. L. M. Wylie of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and with being drunk and disorderly in Gloucester Road, Wanchai, on Christmas Day, Able-seaman Robert Leslie Gibbs, 25, of H.M.S. Scout, appeared before Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistrate yesterday. He denied both counts.

Sgt. Dingsdale, of Wanchai, said he saw Gibbs standing beside a car with a hammer in his hand.

Chan Kan-kau, mechanic, said he and his colleagues were engaged in changing a wheel of the car outside a garage when Gibbs attempted to strike them. Scaring him, the mechanics fled. Gibbs kicked at one of the car's doors, breaking it, and pulled out a pane of glass, breaking it.

Gibbs remarked that if he had pulled out the glass it was strange, he had no cuts on his hands. Chan, replying to Mr. Forrest, said the window pane was made of triple glass.

Mr. S. O'Small, motor car repairer, said he was responsible to Mr. Wylie for the car. The damage caused was approximately \$20.

Gibbs said he had no recollection of any incident with a car. Mr. Forrest ordered him to pay \$20 compensation to Mr. Wylie on the first count, and fined him \$20 on the second.

CHUNGKING EPIDEMIC Serious Outbreak of Diphtheria Reported

Chungking, Dec. 26. Many cases of diphtheria were reported in Chungking during the holidays. The presence of the numerous deep tunnel-shaped dug-outs helped contagion.

The exact number of residents affected is not yet known. The health authorities are busily engaged in administering injections to prevent the spread of the disease. United rouging all the way to the corners. Press.

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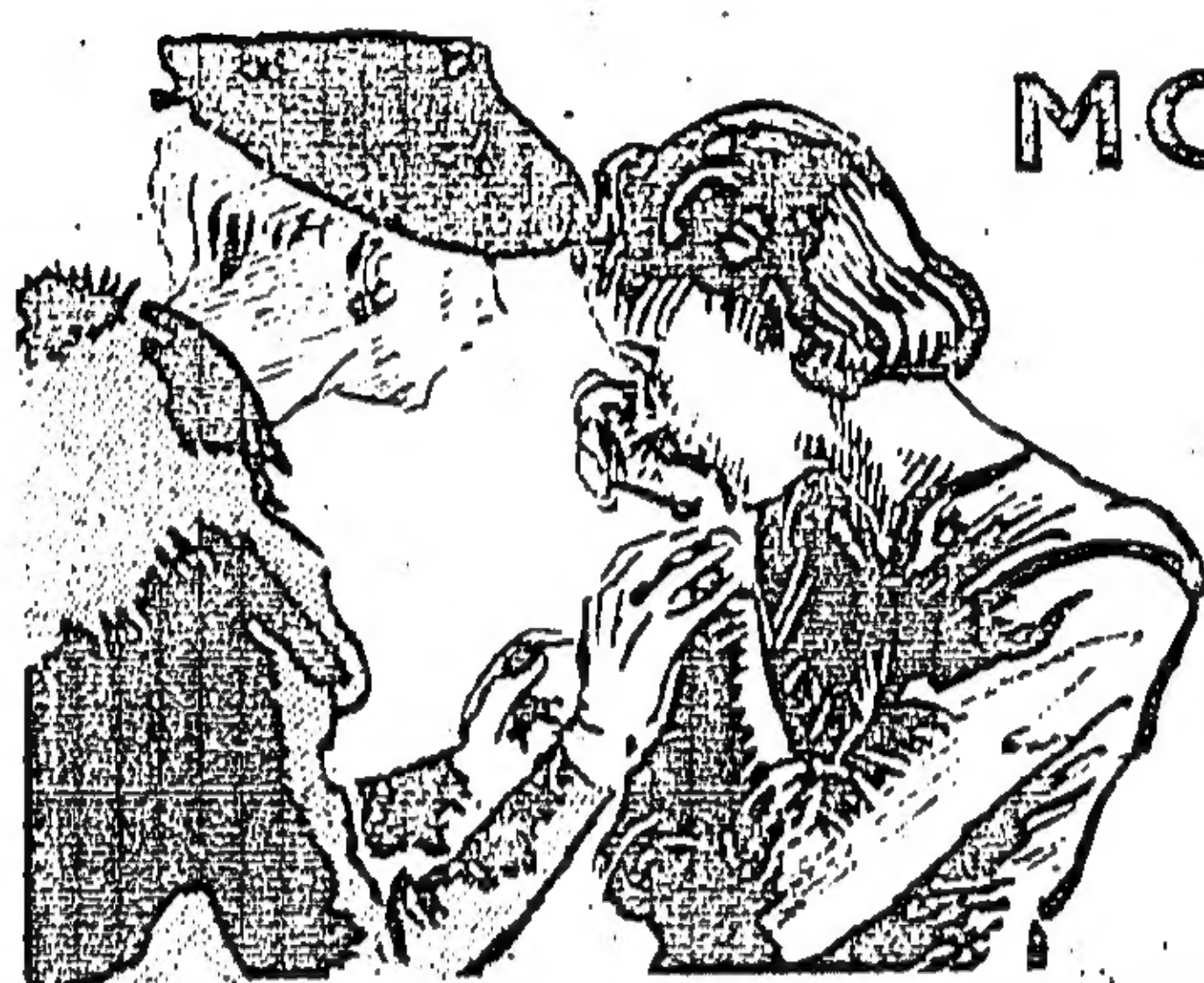
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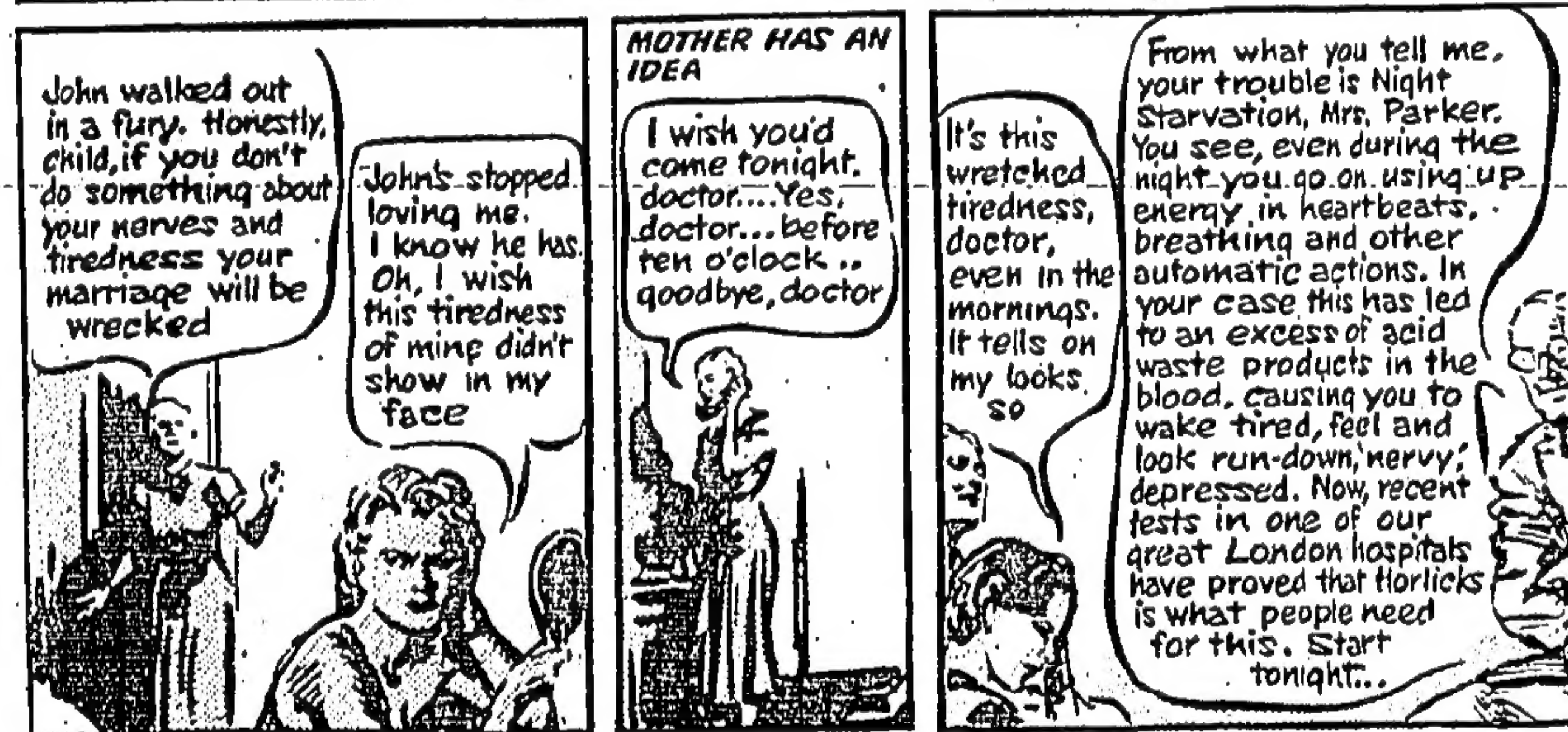
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LONDON LOG

—Air Mail Letter From Home—

Mr. Shaw Takes A Walk

It is curious to see how London reacts to the appearance in its streets of a world-famous figure. I happened to be walking along Pall Mall on Friday behind Mr. Bernard Shaw and noticed that nearly every woman gave a sudden start of recognition and turned when she had passed, while of the men, even in Pall Mall, few seemed to know him.

Mr. Shaw walked along, swinging his stick, the most light-footed of all the middle-aged and elderly men of the street of clubs and consuls. Whatever was going on in Europe, Mr. Shaw seemed at peace with the world. He stopped at a bookshop, but there were only first editions of Kipling in the window. The soldierly newspaper-seller in front of the Army and Navy Club held up an evening paper to him and said, "Your mental nation, Mr. Shaw?" "No, thank you," replied the sage. I caught up (a little breathless) with him as he paused at Williamson's sword shop and gazed with inquisitiveness at a bullet-proof waistcoat. "Going to buy the bullet-proof waistcoat?" I asked. "No," said Mr. Shaw. "Just looking. Peace-makers can never resist a row of guns."

Mr. Shaw's Quarrel With Herr Hitler

Conversation turned on the international situation, and I ventured to ask Mr. Shaw if he had sent a telegram of congratulation to Herr Hitler on his remarkable escape. No, Mr. Shaw had not done so. "But Queen Wilhelmina was quite right to do so. Mr. Chamberlain ought to do it. He could say, 'Greatly as the British nation regrets your escape, decency obliges the British Government to congratulate you on it.'"

The Polish Premier's Visit

General Ladislaw Sikorski, the new Polish Prime Minister, who arrives here to-morrow, is not only a man with great practical military experience but also a notable writer and a theoretician in warfare. His books on the Polish-French relations brought him fame as a writer, and his volumes about the Polish Army and the future war showed him as a man with great theoretical knowledge of modern war machinery. He will spend the first day in conference, and a meeting during the day with Mr. Winston Churchill. He will also have a conference to-morrow with Mr. Chamberlain, and in the evening will be the guest of honour of the British Government at a dinner at the Dorchester Hotel. After three days of official discussions he will spend another two days privately in London.

The Minister is an outstanding friend of Great Britain and France and he strongly opposed Marshal Pilsudski's desire to carry on a foreign policy of his own irrespective of the attitude of France. Since 1928, when he broke with Pilsudski, he has lived in Paris and speaks French fluently. He reads and writes English, but prefers to speak French. He will be entertained to luncheon by the King.

In Darkest Harley Street

Harley Street is almost deserted except where specialists have been able to snatch a couple of hours to see a patient who has had to remain in London. A surgeon in internal complaints told me that he had been mobilised on a basis of £500 a year for his whole time, which meant the disposal of his adroitly built up practice. He paid £250 a year for two rooms in Harley Street; he had his car, his nurse, and his secretary on his hands, in addition to the normal expenses of his family and household.

A surgeon's holiday was not more than ten years. During that time it was open to him to recover his high expenditure and make some money upon which to live afterwards. He was at the beginning of his ten years. He added that the desert which was Harley Street was in part due to the

general exodus. Patients would not stay in London. Thus the specialists at Brighton and such towns were getting the Harley Street practice. In normal times people would not go to a man who was not associated with one of the great hospitals and thus in constant practice. They also found comfort in the words "Harley Street," as though the ability to pay £250 rent for two rooms were a guarantee of skill.

If specialists' fees were high, it was due to the expenditure demanded of them. Unfortunately this expenditure went on, even when there were no fees.

Christmas Shopping Lights

Sir Harold Webb is to ask the Home Secretary in the House on Thursday if he will permit a limited amount of shop-window lighting in view of the Christmas shopping season, pending a decision on present street-lighting experiments. I gather that the Home Secretary is sympathetic, and it is hoped that he will express his readiness to experiment with a modified form of shop-window lighting forthwith.

This question in Parliament is promoted by a meeting in London last week to discuss black-out grievances at which the Board Street and Regent Street associations, the retail distributors, the London Employers' Association, the hotel and restaurant keepers, were represented.

Demands for quick action were put forward, for West End trade interests are much worried about the complete prohibition on lighting which is threatening to ruin Christmas shopping.

Shopkeepers think that the Government's modified street-lighting experiments can hardly be completed in time to save the Christmas trade. They want something within the next week or two and favour the idea of some form of shielded light in shop windows, indirect lighting which would not reflect on the pavement or upwards, and which would just suffice to show people whether the shop was open and what kind of shop it was.

Christmas-Card Preparations

Christmas cards are likely to be more popular than usual this year, for members of families are more widely scattered throughout the country than ever before, and a multitude of cards will be sent to the troops. Many will send cards where they usually sent presents, as more convenient alike to sender and to recipient, and they will also send them to other friends whom they have been remembering much more than usual in these troublous times.

The publishers have brought out a new series appropriate to the occasion. In addition to its two thousand types of "Old Master" cards, the Meile Press has prepared cards depicting battleships, with a border of crossed flags; there are humorous cards about the black-out; amusing cards for children; a set of A.I.P. cards, and a card by Margaret Tennant, "Britannia's Treasure" depicting Britannia in a hillside looking at the searchlights over a city as she guards three small evacuees, each with a gas-mask.

Messrs. Tuck have a recently designed calendar with the arms of the Empire as a border for the sonnet which Missfeld wrote for the Silver Jubilee and which was published in the "King's Book. The arms and crests of the fighting services are seen on other cards.

Evacuee Children Story

A friend who was calling at Ambleside told me that two small evacuee boys called at Graymire Church the other day and asked to see "Mr. Woolworth's grave." When it was explained to them that it was Mr. Wordsworth's grave that was there they lost interest.

C. T. WANG HONOURED

Manila, Dec. 26.
A formal Chinese dinner will be tendered to-night by Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo T. Wang, prominent Manila residents honouring Dr. and Mrs. C. T. Wang and their children at the Tan-Kiang residence near Manila. Numerous nobles are amongst those invited, including Vice-President Sergio Osmeña, Floor Leader Quintin Farcas, Consul General and Mrs. Robinson Young and Vice Consul Mr. and Mrs. Mok—United Press.



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VIVID EYE-WITNESS STORY OF FIGHTING

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WITH THE FIELD HEADQUARTERS OF THE CENTRAL FINNISH ARMY, Dec. 26.—Two Finnish soldiers, with rifles slung across the backs of their white-cowled snow-capes, ski-ed down the little slope between the pine trees and called out something to an officer crouching at a field-telephone to-day.

Almost at once, a machine-gun started firing in the trees away to the left. Ahead of us, rifle after rifle joined in the battle. Each shot echoed in the forest.

The officer was talking quickly into the telephone: "Moving towards our line, just in behind the road."

Then quickly, suddenly, the machine-gun and rifle fire stopped. The only firing was away in the distance. It became so

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NURSES, hospital students, cooks, and some of the casualties themselves combined forces to present the first concert for the British casualties from France, who are now at a hospital in England. The event was an unqualified success, and one of the most popular features of the programme was community singing.



Smoking was allowed (above)—and the audience didn't need telling twice!

OBITUARY
DIED IN SLEEP
Late Mr. Ulderup Here For 40 Years

Mr. J. P. Ulderup, member of a family whose name has been known in the Far East for over a century, died peacefully in his sleep at the Hongkong Club on Tuesday night.

His death was discovered by his room boy at breakfast time this morning, the quiet disposition of his body suggesting that he had died in the attitude in which friends had left him resting on the previous night.

Mr. Ulderup was principal of the firm of Ulderup & Company, Ice House Street which dealt mainly in ship's machinery. For about two months he had been complaining of heart trouble and was under treatment.

Though 65 years of age, he had persisted in taking a walk to the Peak almost daily—an exercise which his friends warned him, might place a grave stress on his heart.

Arrived Here in 1897

Mr. Ulderup arrived in Hongkong from Denmark 42 years ago to join the Scottish-Oriental Line as Chief Engineer. He subsequently joined Norddeutscher Lloyd, which he left to take a shore position with Macdonald & Company at Bowington Canal. He was with them for about 10 years.

In partnership, he conducted a machinery business in Canton before 1933, when he went home with his wife, who had to remain there because of illness. Returning to Hongkong, Mr. Ulderup worked with Jensen & Company, but left the firm soon afterwards to open the business in which he was engaged at the time of his death.

While Mr. Ulderup's travels were most intense in the Far East, during his life he visited, he claimed, every country in the Northern Hemisphere. In China he was well known and liked, being especially popular in shipping circles, with which his work naturally associated him.

He was a member of the Hongkong Club, where he had resided since his wife went home, and was Vice-President of the Engineers and Shipbuilders' Institute. He was also a member of the Institution of Naval Architects.

Mr. Ulderup, who is a Finn, was in Helsingfors when the present Finland war broke out and is now a refugee in Stockholm. The couple have no children.

The late Mr. Ulderup's funeral will take place at the Monument to-morrow at 2 p.m.

One of the male nurses who joined in the fun. He got a big hand for his female impersonations, which were generally voted to be "as good as you see at the music-halls."

American Army Budget Record

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (UP).—The army is prepared to ask Congress next month for U.S.\$1,650,000,000 as its share of a short-term \$3,000,000,000, defence expansion programme to insure the western hemisphere from attack, authoritative administration quarters have disclosed.

The tentative plan, which already has received approval of high congressional leaders, calls for an initial protective force of 600,000 men—largest in this nation's peacetime history—instead of the present maximum of 280,000 in the regular army and 235,000 in the national guard.

Under the plan, which is the companion to the navy's recently projected programme calling for expansion of its strength by addition of 95 light fighting ships, Congress would be asked for between \$750,000,000 and \$850,000,000 during the 1941 fiscal year.

Additional funds would be asked in subsequent years.

CHRISTMAS CRIME

Nazi Torpedo Ends Ship Xmas Party
LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—The British steamer, Stanholme, 2,473 tons, was sunk yesterday off the west coast with the loss of 14 lives.

The ship had left port two hours earlier and the crew were celebrating Christmas below decks when a terrific explosion occurred.

The ship began to sink immediately.

Died Saving Wife

The death roll includes the Chief Engineer, who was drowned through his efforts to assist his wife who was aboard. She was saved.

The U-boat was sighted by a deck-hand too late for him to raise an effective alarm.

Two Submarines Sighted

One survivor declared that he saw two submarines and that they had no time to launch the life-boats.

The crew jumped overboard. Some managed to get on to a small raft, from which they were later rescued.

JAPANESE REPULSED

Indo-China Border Drive Collapses
CHUNGKING, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The Japanese attempt to reach the French Indo-China border by occupying Lungchow and Chengnankwan has ended in disaster, according to the Chinese reports received here.

These claim that in a big battle in the vicinity of Yashuliang on the highway to the Indo-China border, south of Lungchow, Chinese forces, after 24 hours of desperate fighting, have driven the Japanese back.

Heavy Casualties

The Japanese are reported to have lost over 1,000 dead and many more were wounded.

The same despatches reveal that Japanese infantry, artillery and cavalry units moved south-westward from Nanning over a week ago along the highway in the direction of Chengnankwan via the towns of Sulu, Szehou and Minkiang.

After reaching Minkiang, the Japanese column is said to have headed straight to the Indo-China border south of Lungchow.

The opinion is expressed here that the desperate drive of the Japanese towards Lungchow is aimed partly to reach Chengnankwan, an important terminus of the railway to Hanoi, and also partly to draw the Chinese forces away from an attack on Nanning.

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HITLER VISITS FRANCE

But He Kept It A Dark Secret
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, Dec. 26 (UP).—For the first time since 1918, when he was a corporal in the Kaiser's army, Hitler claims to-day to have stood on French soil, according to the official D.N.B. agency.

The agency states that the German Fuehrer crossed into French soil to visit the front lines.

According to the same source, German troops are in possession of a small sector of France on the Saar front. This is Pichern Heights, south-east of the German town of Saarbruecken.

The French town of Pichern is No Man's Land in this sector.

Hitler terminated his visit at 5 p.m. when the bells in the village of Pichern were rung by a German patrol which crawled across No Man's Land and broke into the churches for the purpose.

Hitler's visit to the front line trenches was unheralded.

Hitler, says D.N.B., made the trip "as a soldier" in order to observe Christmas among his front-line fighters.

Germany's Grim Christmas Spirit

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SONS FIGHT FOR ALLIES

SKIPSEA, Dec. 26 (UP).—When Ex-Corporal Frederick Graylin wrote his Christmas letters to his two sons, one had to be written in French the other in English.

For son No. 1 is a poilu in the French army and serving in France, and son No. 2 is a Tommy in the British Expeditionary Force. The father himself was a corporal in the Army Medical Corps, during the last war.

Corporal Graylin married an estaminet keeper's daughter in France during the last war. Frederick was born before the armistice, Jean two years later. The mother died. One boy stayed in France and was brought up as a Frenchman and the other came to England. Now one is fighting for France and the other for England.

WAR BECOMING A LITTLE LESS GENTLEMANLY

LONDON, Dec. 26 (UP).—After nearly four months of sparring amidst the mud and the blockhouses of the Western Front, combined with "hush hush" diplomatic activity aimed at outmanoeuvring the enemy, the second European war is getting a little less gentlemanly than it was at the beginning.

The "old school tie" spirit is getting a little frayed, and as far as the radio, newspapers and official comment go, things are inclined to get a little rude at times.

23 SOVIET VICTIMS

Finnish Air Force Claims Victory
HELSINGFORS, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—A communique claims that on Christmas Day Finnish naval and air forces destroyed at least 23 Soviet planes, and possibly 26.

Finnish aircraft suffered no losses.

Viiupuri Evacuated
WITH THE FINNISH FORCES, Dec. 26 (UP).—As a precaution, the Finnish authorities have ordered the immediate evacuation of all people who can be spared from the town of Viiupuri.

A special train to-night is taking 4,000 evacuees which will virtually denude the town of civilians, due to the fact that the previous evacuation brought the civilian population down to 7,000.

This order followed two days' almost incessant artillery and aerial bombardments.

Soviet planes dropped ten bombs on Porvoo, 30 miles from Helsingfors, killing nine and wounding twenty people. Only two of the bombs exploded.

Official sources states that during the Christmas week-end a total of 42 civilian centres in Finland were bombed. The intensified Red attack, they said, seems to indicate an attempt to speed up the drive on Viiupuri and Helsingfors via the Isthmus.

It has been officially announced that the Russians in the Isthmus yesterday attempted to cross the Uusanto River at four points—Huhterms, Alkko, Kuja and Toivola—but they were repulsed everywhere. Seven hundred Russians were killed and a total of 23 Russian planes were shot down. Five infantry guns, 10 machine guns and five quick-firing guns were captured.

Several tanks were also put out of commission and 50 prisoners were taken during the Christmas Day operations, when 20 additional tanks were destroyed.

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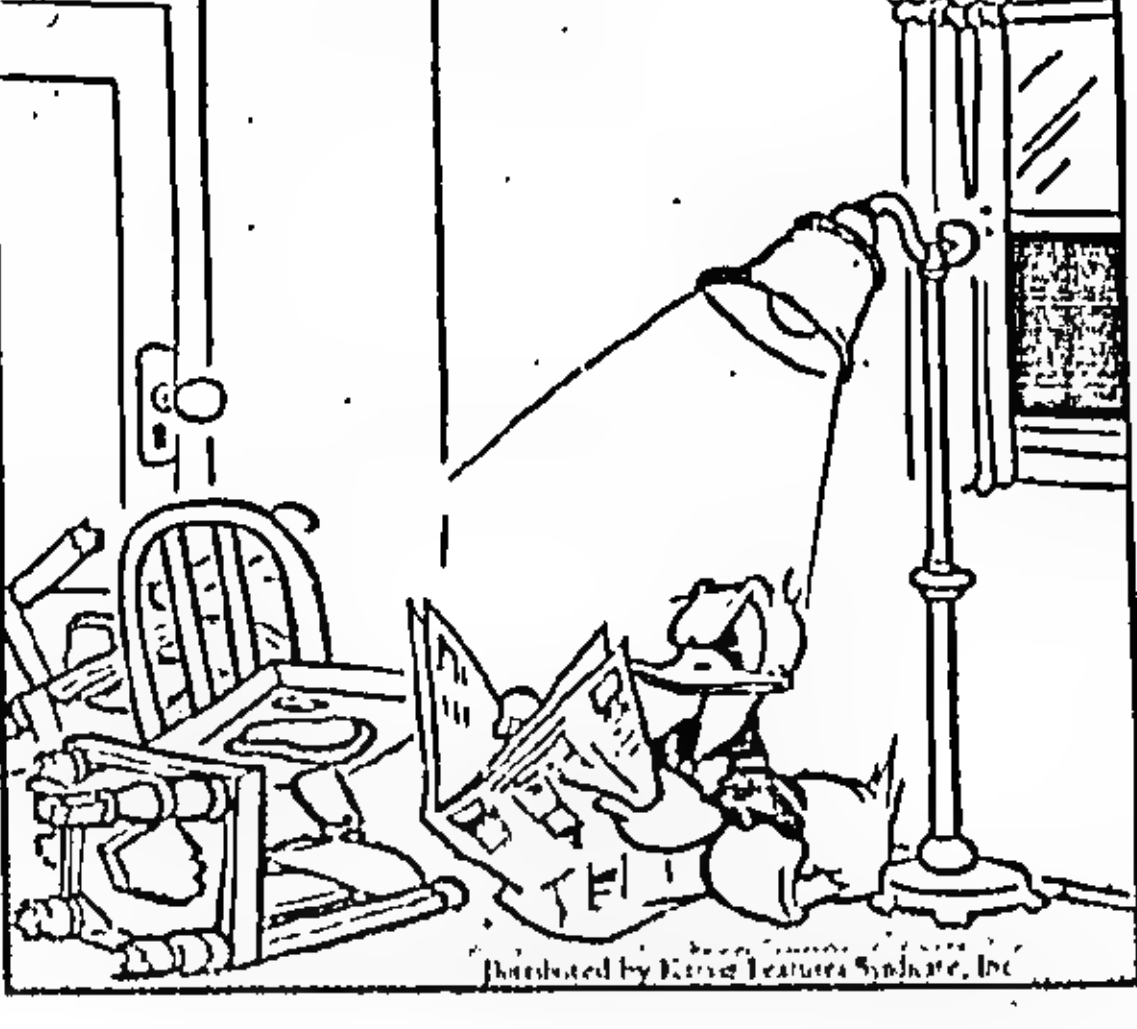
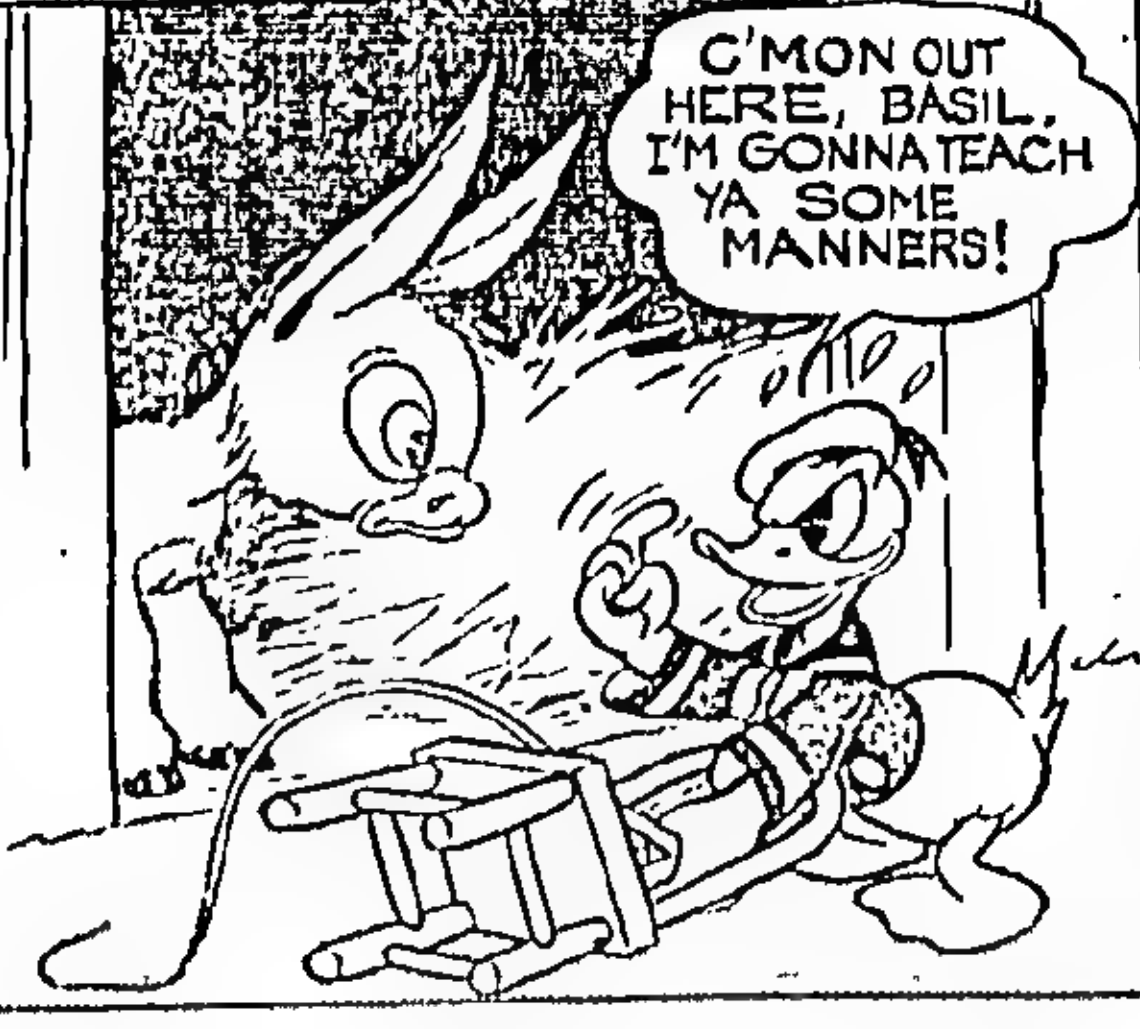
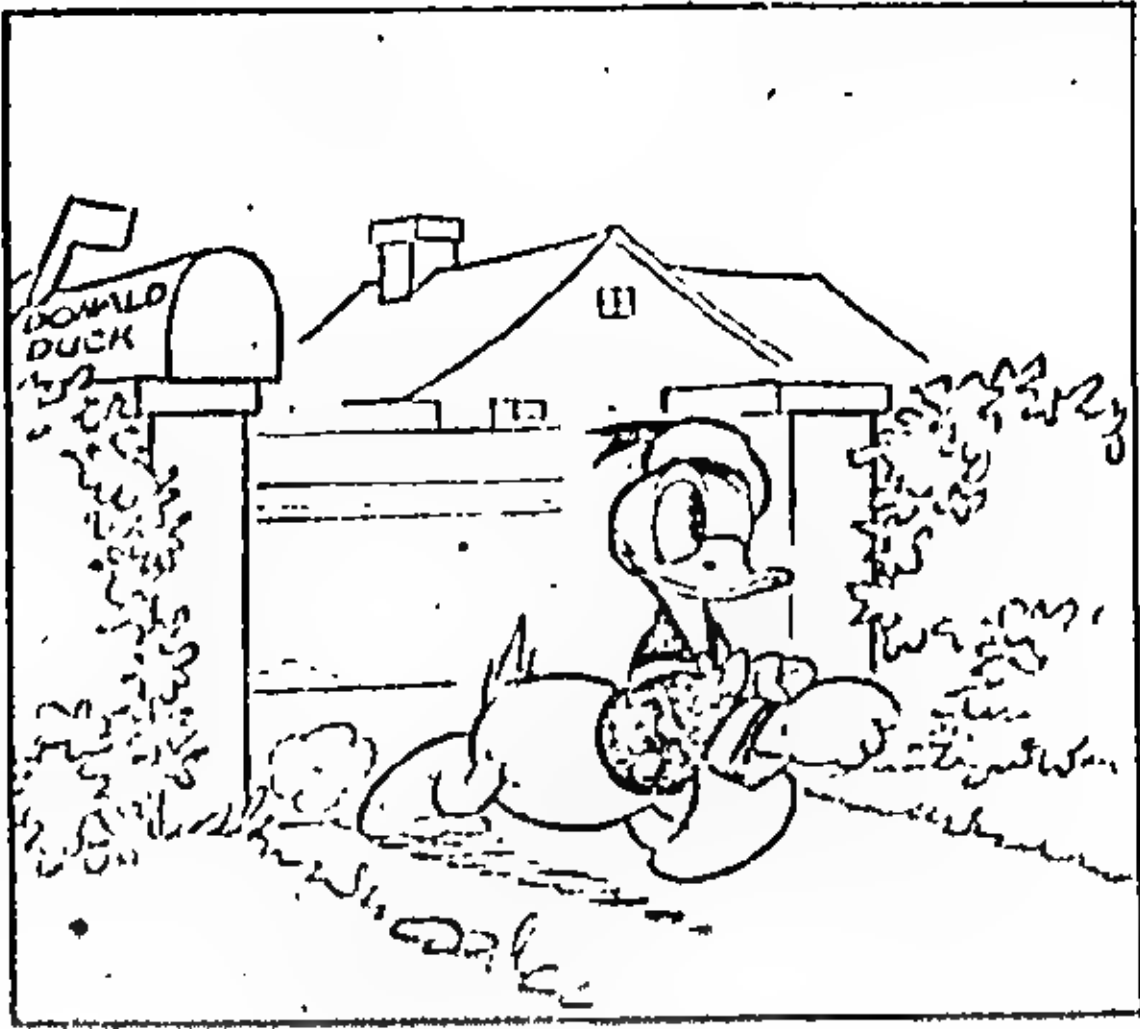
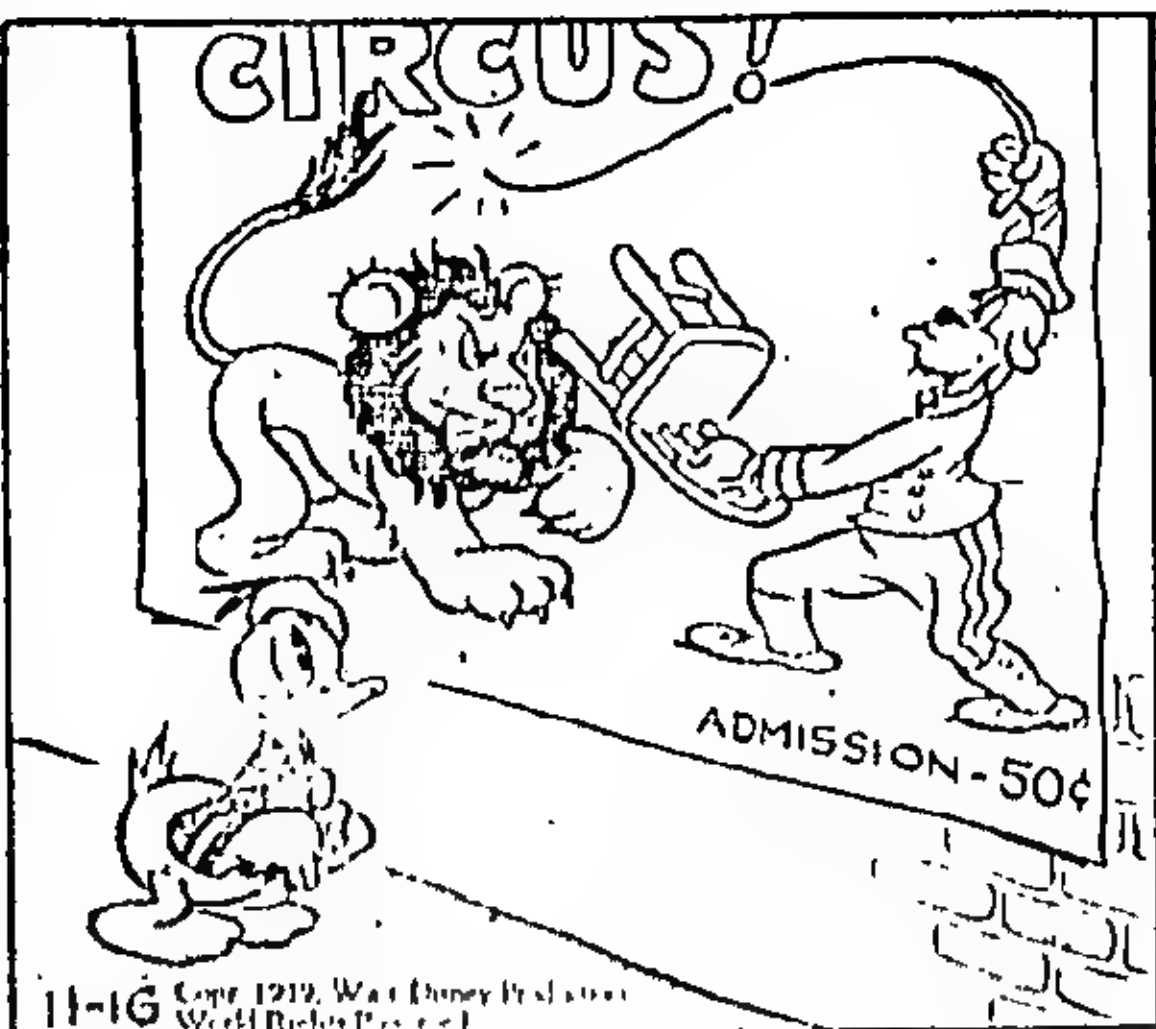
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JAPAN'S RESOURCES AT LOW EBB

TOKYO, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The urgent necessity of effecting stabilisation in East Asia by replenishing Japan's national resources in the face of the extremely complex international situation was stressed by the Emperor in his speech from the Throne to the Diet.

His Majesty expressed satisfaction with the growing friendly relations between Japan and the countries with which she had treaties and added that he was gratified at the fighting services progress in China.

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Well! Felice is getting divorced—I suppose that means another wedding present.

Flattened Bullet As War Souvenir

A FLATTENED bullet is being kept by a Royal Air Force gunner to remind him of his daring raid on the German warships, caught by surprise at Heligoland.

That bullet nearly took his life. All that saved him from it was the buckle of his parachute.

The gunner was in the plane that became isolated and was singled out for attack by a Messerschmitt fighter, the only German machine to take the air.

In the middle of the machine-gun duel the gunner was hit and hurled back in his seat. Then as his hands fumbled to find his wound, something clicked on the floor of the cockpit. It was the bullet, flattened by hitting his parachute buckle.

He seized his gun again and opened fire. With smoke and flames pouring from the fuselage, the Messerschmitt dived down towards the sea.

Only one of the British bombers that took part in the raid was damaged—hit in the tail by anti-aircraft fire—but the skill of its pilot brought it home only a quarter of an hour after the others had landed.

It was in perfect weather that the bombers set out on the raid, and they reached Heligoland about 11.45 in the morning. Riding high in the blue, they gazed down on the two small islands where two Nazi cruisers and several smaller craft, probably minelayers, were at anchor.

Radio orders crackled out from the squadron leader, and the bombers went hurtling down through bursting anti-aircraft shells.

Two Circuits Then, coming out of the dive, the pilots bombed systematically.

One reports that three of his bombs "straddled" a warship, and he was quite confident that he registered a hit. This was confirmed by the following aircraft.

Another pilot dropped a bomb directly on a warship, and another reported that one of his bombs fell close to a ship and must have caused considerable damage.

The R.A.F. men circled the main island twice before they made off, sweepers, destroyers and other war vessels.

More than 20,000 books and magazines have already been sent. They need not be returned, but can be handed on from ship to ship until worn out.

Fifty-five public librarians have volunteered to do the collecting. During my visit to the College 3,000 books arrived from various parts of the country.

CROSSES FOR THEIR SONS

RUDOLF HESS, Hitler's deputy, broadcast recently to German mothers. This is what he told them:—

"Crosses of honour are being given to-day to our mothers with many children. The number of those killed, wounded and missing is small compared with the success, for it was a million-strong army of Polish soldiers which England sent to invade Germany. Yet we know that the fact that losses were so few will not lessen the anguish of the families of those who fell."

"Many a mother whose son died has given also her husband."

"Every mother who is mourning should remember the German mothers in the Polish territories whose children had to suffer so much."

Once Our Enemy Now Firm Friend

LONDON. DURING the Boer War a young man named Denys Reitz took up arms against the British. For three years he fought against what he believed was their intolerable aggression and at the end, when his side was defeated, went into exile rather than live under the Union Jack.

Recently a jovial Pictwickian featured man told representatives of the British Dominion and neutral Press why he and fellow South Africans would fight with the Allies against Germany. His name was the Hon. Denys Reitz, Minister of Native Affairs for the Union of South Africa.

"We gave the British a good run for their money," he said, "but having beaten us they treated us with splendid generosity. They returned our country to us, and within the British Commonwealth of Nations we now enjoy an even greater measure of liberty than we possessed under our own Republics."

"In addition, we enjoy a greater security, for we in South Africa are under no illusion about what would happen to us were Germany to win this war."

There was some measure of irresolution among some of the Dutch-speaking citizens of the Union at the outbreak of war, he added, but thanks to the prompt action of General Smuts they were now largely rallying.

Mr. Anthony Eden, Dominions Minister, introduced the other representatives of the Empire countries who have been touring France and Britain and exchanging views and information with the British Government.

ROBBERS ATTACK JUNK

One man was wounded and sent to hospital as a result of an attack by armed robbers on junk No. 3040W while it was east of the Nine Pins, Chinese Territory, on Christmas day.

A report of the incident was made to the Police by Chan Lin-bi, 22, master of the junk. He said on December 24 at 3.30 a.m. when his craft was 10 miles east of the Nine Pins, a large fishing junk approached and opened fire when 200 yards away. One of the cargo owners, Sung Ting-chung, was wounded on the left leg.

Armed with revolvers, three robbers boarded the cargo boat and ordered its crew and passengers into a hold. After four hours' sailing, Chan said, he could hear his cargo being transferred to the robbers' boat. When this was completed the robbers left.

A mixed cargo of preserved vegetables, fresh vegetables, ginger, dried partridges, ducks, squalls, and chickens were stolen. Money was also stolen—a total loss of \$1,170.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 27, 1889. One third of the deaths in the French Army are attributed to typhoid fever.

The first international match played in this colony for many years was commenced yesterday, Scotland opposing a combination, hailing from other parts of the empire. The World had a fairly representative and good all-round team, although no doubt it could have been materially strengthened. Scotland, on the other hand, whilst admittedly strong in batting, was considered to be weak both in fielding and change bowling.

The scores were: The World—First innings 121; Second innings 104; Scotland—First innings 133; Second innings 41.

25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 27, 1914. The Admiralty announces that seven "nautilus" submarines, which on Christmas day, attacked German warships lying in the Schilling roads, off Cuxhaven. They were escorted by a light cruiser and a destroyer force, with submarines.

Two German Zeppelins, four seaplanes and several submarines attacked the "nautilus" squadron, whereupon a novel combat ensued, of most modern character against the enemy's aircraft and submarines.

In The Kaiser's Mail by Jean Finot. Appearing daily in the "Telegraph".

10 YEARS AGO

Dec. 27, 1929. The visit to Hongkong of Mr. E. Phillips Oppenheimer, the well-known London writer, who is amongst those making a world tour on the pleasure yacht, Stella Polaris, has been somewhat marred by the loss of a considerable sum of money.

The form of government under which Hongkong labours provides no official scope for the effective play of individual initiative, and we cannot but regret any Government action, which seems to treat as of small account the efforts of those who gratefully give much time and service to work connected with the administrative life of the Colony.

5 YEARS AGO

Dec. 27, 1934. The frontiers of the Saar will be closed at midnight and from that time onwards the only person who will be allowed to enter the area will be those in possession of permits, properly signed by authoritative persons. The frontier will be closed until January 20.

The Government Commission announces that it is taking this action with a view to excluding undesirable elements, which might cause trouble during the plebiscite, before or after it. Meanwhile, conditions remain quiet. There have been no indications that there will be need for intervention of the foreign troops on duty here.

"Le Journal" to-day states that Herr Hitler will publicly retract the passage in his autobiography "Mein Kampf" in which he declares that Germany will enter France as a step to prove the way to a resumption of diplomatic negotiations for solution of the present Franco-German impasse.

Hitler will make his retraction after the Saar plebiscite, the paper says.

NANNING RAIDS

Shanghai, Dec. 26. A Japanese spokesman admitted to-day that Chinese planes were active in the vicinity of Nanning on December 23.

The spokesman said eight Chinese planes attempted a raid near Chungking in the vicinity of Nanning, flying at 3,000 feet. Owing to the high altitude the bombs fell in an open field and there were no casualties.

At 7 p.m. the same day six Chinese planes bombed the Japanese positions at Kiating, but the bombs fell wide of the mark and no damage was done. Three of the Chinese planes were shot down.

The following day Japanese planes staged a mass raid on Kweliang and Luchow and destroyed the Chinese bases.

On Sunday Japanese planes bombed in the vicinity of Nanning, centering their attack on Chungking, where they sighted a group of 2,000 Chinese troops, which Japanese troops and air units completely annihilated.

Last night Japanese planes bombed the Chinese aerodromes at Shiehning, despite resistance from anti-aircraft guns and Chinese planes. Four of the Chinese planes were shot down during the air duel. All the Japanese planes returned to their bases.

One Japanese member of the crew was seriously injured—United Press.

SAILOR AT SEA HAS SWIMMING LESSONS BY MAIL

By LOUISE MORGAN

WRITTEN somewhere on the High Seas between Hongkong and London, a letter has come to the College of the Sea, Endsleigh Street, Bloomsbury, from a sailor who cannot swim.

He is an apprentice in a tanker, aged 19, and all his efforts to learn have been in vain, he laments.

The Bo'sun has classes in needlework and cooking, but not, unfortunately in swimming. Would the College be so kind as to teach swimming by correspondence? And could the lessons begin soon, in case the tanker meets a U-boat? Sincerely yours.

A parcel containing swimming charts and special instructions is dispatched from Bloomsbury to the tanker's next port of call, with a friendly letter expressing the hope that the ship would not meet a U-boat, but that if she did the apprentice would have first learned to swim.

EXCUSE ME PLEASE

The war has brought all sorts of problems to the College of the Sea, and furnished new excuses to such of its sailor-pupils as tend to be slack with their homework.

An apprentice in a convoy ship wrote that he was so busy all day signalling that he would like a

month's extension for his geometry papers.

A messroom boy in a tramp steamer asked that the smudges in his essay in the Literary Criticism course be excused on the grounds that his oil lamp had been dimmed.

From an A.B. who has been taking a German course on board a trader running between Hongkong and Calcutta a request was received this week please from now on to send him the French course instead.

And a fireman on a Booth liner plying between Liverpool and a thousand miles up the Amazon asks for ten monthly lessons on how to play the piano accordion, as the crew need cheering up.

LIBRARIES FOR WARSHIP The College is carrying on with its normal service in spite of the irregularity of ships' movements due to the war.

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Over The Frontiers

THE opening weeks of past wars
have been times of immense public
excitement. Mad enthusiasm has
gripped people. The glories of war
and conquest have been sung by all
nations. Hatred and passion have
run flood high.

Not so with this war, upon which
we are now engaging all our forces,
from which we will not desist until
the day when the challenge to the
brotherhood of mankind is utterly
defeated.

Here is to be found neither ex-
citement, nor vainglory, nor hatred.
There is only a determination, calm
and imperturbable, to stand by the
cause which we have taken up, to
endure everything for it, sustained
by the faith that it is worth every
sacrifice.

That calmness, that clarity of
spirit, have their foundation in a
wide and perfect appreciation of
what it is for which we have freely
taken up arms.

The whole people knows that we
fight to keep alive in the world those
spiritual values which we call liberal
civilisation, and of which not Ger-
man, not the German people, but
Nazism is the sworn foe.

We know what we fight, and why
we fight.

We fight Hitlerism. We fight the
limitless persecution of the Nazi
system. We fight its denial of the
oneness of mankind. We fight its
cruelty and its perjury and insatiable
demand for the subordination of all to
its authority.

That we know. And knowing, we
are unshakable.

The sinking of merchantmen at sea
has developed, as it did in the last
war, into acts of terror. The Nazi
Government has outraged the inter-
national agreement code which sought
to place some humanising restrictions
upon submarine warfare, and by
which Germany was bound.

Such an act horrifies the world.
Yet it does not surprise us here. We
know what Nazism is, we know that
we fight just because it is ruthless,
unscrupulous, and unclean.

We know that Nazism offered no
mercy to those free-minded Germans
who sought to withstand the enslave-
ment of their people to its terrible
purposes, but attacked them with
ferocious cruelty. We should be
fools if we expected the Nazi Gov-

DIARY OF A MOSCOW DAY

What is the everyday life of the Russian in the street like? Does he eat what we do and as much? Can he say what he thinks? How does he amuse himself? These are some of the questions the London News Chronicle asked a journalist recently returned from the U.S.S.R. In this article he describes a typical working day in Moscow

MY breakfast is ham and eggs and sour milk. You can, of course, get pasteurised milk delivered at the door, but I prefer it sour. And while I eat I note that my room is getting smaller as my library gets bigger. I have a growing need for that extra eight square metres of floor space that the law entitles me to as a writer.

So I send yet another application to the House Committee, the Moscow Soviet, the Building Co-operative, and write a letter to the "Pravda" denouncing the bureaucrats who are depriving me of vital space. At the same time I send a dinner invitation to Ivan Ivanovich, whose cousin's brother-in-law is secretary of the Boiler Makers' Union, who are building a new department house on the Pokrovka. I am not a boiler maker, but I think that there is a chance of getting a boiler maker's room.

I GO to office by Metro.

My own particular station is in red marble from the Urals and makes one of London's posh tea-houses look shabby by comparison. Opposite me in the train sits a stout young woman in a hat. Next to me is a collective farmer with his whole family obviously enjoying the thrill of underground travel for the first time. It appears that he got this Moscow trip as a prize for good harvesting.

His son takes notes of the magnificent stations we pass through. They will make a report of the trip when they return to the farm.

Then the girl in the hat throws—the silver—wrapping paper of her chocolate bar out of the window into the tunnel. There is a moment's pained silence. The train roars on.

"How uncultured!" says the farmer in a loud voice. "Why are you filling our tunnel up with waste paper, citizen?" The girl maintains a haughty disdain, but in a few moments the whole compartment has joined the conversation and, since it is a cold day, is soon heatedly discussing the pros and cons of filling tube tunnels with silver paper.

The girl, of course, should have apologised. "Yes, comrade, it's my thoughtlessness," but her obstinate silence evokes the final annihilating jibe: "Some sort of bourgeois wearing a hat!" She is obviously an anti-Soviet element and is probably related to an enemy of the people.

But since we are all in conversation we carry on with the latest events on the farm and shake our heads over the capitalists who are starting another war. The company, however, is somewhat consoled by the thought that the most probable result of war will be Soviet revolutions in several European countries.

Theatre Square. Station, where I get out, is in black and white marble with indirect lighting from alabaster textured bowls set on pedestals. A Russian ballet setting.

The streets and trams are

ernment to treat any differently those who now stand across its path. It is against Hitlerism we fight. And we have no quarrel with those who would help to perpetuate its tyranny in Europe.

Because this is the issue, it transcends national frontiers. It transcends nationality itself. The fight against Hitlerism unites a brotherhood of faith, unites all who know that man's progress in bettering the human race, in cultivation of the arts of peace, depends upon the defeat of Hitler and the system he has created.

crowded and hustling as ever. Everyone is in a desperate hurry.

BY chance I get a lift from the editor, who has just received a car for his private use. He has also invested in a country cottage, and if he wasn't so busy, could lead a very comfortable suburban life. As it is, he works 12 or more hours a day. But he is in fine fettle just now because he passed with flying colours through all the party purges.

My seven-hour work day goes fast enough. Here the Press is as routine and hectic as abroad. But since there are no millionaires or aristocrats and not a single Russian capitalist or landlord from the Baltic to the Pacific there is no society news.

There are no football pools, and murders are back-page "fillers." So Government interpretations of the Party Line, portraits of the leaders, production statistics, cultural notes and incisive foreign news reports from Tass (State news agency) take most of the space.

Feature display goes to the exploits of parachute jumpers, aviators, Polar expeditions and new cities founded in the desert or the taiga.

Story of the day, however, is our cub reporter, who has interviewed a famous American movie star (retired) and her baby boy husband, and asked: "When were you born?"

OFFICE work finished, I attend a trade union meeting to discuss wage rates. For the evening's amusement I have a choice of theatres, a cafe—supper—and dance at the Moskva, or a really good dinner at the Astoria. In Moscow eating is as much a ritual as in Paris. In fact one of my earliest impressions of Russians was that they are always ready for the next meal, and it is the prevalence of this trait that has probably led to the myth of the always "starving Russians." True enough, belts were tightened during the first Five-Year Plan, but since 1934 ever larger quantities of borsch, schi (cabbage soup) and caviare are being consumed. Nowadays you only queue up for newspapers.

It is probable that, but for the



A MOSCOW STREET
"Everyone is in a desperate hurry."

war, free bread distribution under some rationing scheme would have begun in a few years, but I doubt if this would create much more of a future in Moscow than would the opening of a new water main in some English town.

It would be a real sensation though, if the Mostorg Co-operatives began selling a line of good silk stockings. Recently a Scottish tourist sold a pair of silk socks in Kiev, paid the difference on his tourist rail ticket and flew back to Moscow by luxury air liner. Air fares are about treble the tourist fare for this two-day train trip. A fellow tourist from Lancashire is still trying to make up his mind whether Russian air travel is ridiculously cheap or whether socks are miraculously expensive.

THE question in Russia is not one of "Guns instead of butter or schools." It is "Guns instead of stockings." The sensible Russians—and they run the country—prefer to look plainly dressed and feel secure. There is a very real demand for fiery though, and female Moscow (particularly the girls

from the ballet) contrives to look exceedingly chic on occasion.

After Schiaparelli, the U.S.A.'s ace dress designer, paid them a visit a few years ago, they built a special fashion salon with a stage for mannequin parades. At the same time the high price of good clothes is a powerful incentive to raising the productivity of labour, which is still relatively low. Wives egg on their shockbrigade husbands to ever greater achievements to earn more money to buy them more dresses.

AND incidentally, con-
socialism has reaffirmed the sanctity of the home and big families. Divorces are progressively expensive. The first one costs 50 roubles. The seventh is a luxury that only popular novelists can afford.

As a result Russia has a large and visibly increasing population. As an American friend put it: "Our train compartment had one Red Army man with a beautiful shaven head (Russians no longer admire beards, they like to be clean shaven all over), one Red sailor, one engineer from Turkestan and the usual pregnant woman."

I finally decide to spend my evening at the Park of Culture and Rest. Here, I meet a group of English tourists who are listening to an open meeting on Nazi-Soviet relations addressed by a Red sailor. There is polite laughter when a tall lady in tweeds asks whether a Soviet Non-Aggression Pact with Nazi Germany means that Russia is going Nazi.

Somewhere around ten-thirty I return home. The day ends with a long argument with my housekeeper who lost her house in the revolution 25 years ago and is a staunch opponent of Stalin. She has never hesitated to criticise the Party Line. Stalin, Housing, the quality of State bread or Soviet morals.

IN public, of course, she is more subdued than among her friends. She was singularly uncommunicative during the Nazi-Trotskyite plots and spy scare of 1937, when the man downstairs was arrested and commissars came and went. But as internal conditions have again settled down she has resumed a spirited offensive.

Her grievance tonight is that the new Palace of the Soviets is going to be so tall—higher than the Empire State building—that the statue of Lenin on its top won't be seen for the clouds.

And having failed to convince her that life abroad is not nearly so perfect as her imagination paints it, I retire after a profitable day spent building socialism.

IN PRAISE OF WINTER

COLERIDGE did not like the winter. In a letter to Wordsworth he complains of the cold mornings, and says that as he sits before the fire muffled in a great coat he finds it impossible to produce good work.

Such was not the case with Nathaniel Hawthorne. The author of "The Scarlet Letter" says that he owed his inspiration to the time when "the log roars on the hearth, when the easement rattles in the gust, and the sleeky raindrops pelt hard against the window panes."

Literature owes much to winter. Had it always been summer we might never have read "Paradise Lost" for Milton could not compose during the bright months of June, July, and August.

This appears to be true of other great writers, who are loud in their praise of November and December as months in which it is easy to work. Though they wrote enthusiastically of spring, of "England now that April's here" of the summer rose, they are at one in informing us that creative work was best inspired during the dismal months.

Charms Of The Hearth

Here is Sydney Smith for example. "Never speak to me about summer. Summer has no charms for me. I look forward anxiously to the return of bad weather and blinding frost!"

Here is a quotation from Renan. He makes the point that in great

countries where the sun shines almost all the year round the literary output is practically negligible. "India, so prodigiously fecund in everything else, does not possess one single line of history. She has come down to our day without thinking really worth the trouble of being consigned to writing."

Another writer expresses a similar opinion concerning Egypt. "Ten thousand years have not sufficed to the Egyptian to produce a single writing of real literary worth."

National character is profoundly affected by climate. In Iceland, where it is winter nearly all the year round, the people are not only literary-minded, but the few authors of that country have produced work of outstanding merit. With all its sunshine, Ceylon has not given us an Eastern Eden, nor has Java produced a Hans Christian Andersen.

Lotus Eaters

It may be stretching a point or committing logical fallacy, but lands where winter has its innings for many months of the year give the world its greatest writers and readers. There is more than fanciful poetry in Tennyson's "Lotus Eaters" in lands where "it is always afternoon" there is a marked lack of great poetry and prose.

Another point. English winters have given our poets much material for great work. Go through the classics. We are familiar with balmy breezes, nightingales, cuckoos,

and young love in the spring. The fact is, however, that much of our great poetry deals with the praise of winter.

For example, here is Keats' writing in November—

"Where are the songs of spring?
Ay, where are they?
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too."

So have thought most of our great poets.

The writer who has done more to immortalise winter than any other expressed his great secret once when a friend presented him with a worked table-centre in drawn threadwork depicting three seasons—spring, summer, and autumn.

"But where?" inquired Charles Dickens "Is winter?"

On being informed that winter had been omitted, as a gloomy design would have spoiled the brightness of the work, the author of "A Christmas Carol" replied, "A year without winter would be gloom indeed."

It was his love of the winter fire-side that made him the author of excellence of the home life of our people. Without the winter could Dickens have so excelled? Had he been an Indian, could he have given us that memorable picture of David Copperfield at his own fireside?

Let another writer answer. "Asia has no homes." But, then, Asia has no winter to speak of.

Arthur T. Rich

THE POPE GRATIFIED

Cordial Message To Pres. Roosevelt

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (UP).—His Holiness the Pope has instructed the Apostolic Delegate, M. Cicognanni, to assure President Roosevelt that the newly appointed personal Ambassador to the Vatican, Mr. Myron Taylor, will be cordially received.

A letter written in similar strain was sent to the President by Dr. George A. Butterick, President of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

"Has Brought Great Joy"

In a letter to Archbishop Spellman, the Apostolic Delegate said: "The President's message has brought great joy to the heart of the Holy Father, coming from such an exalted source, inspired by such noble sentiments and containing such high hopes for spiritual and civil benefits in the cause of peace."

He further stated that His Holiness the Pope desired to make a personal and official reply to President Roosevelt. Meanwhile he has instructed M. Cicognanni to express his sincere gratitude to the President and to assure him that his representative will be cordially received in a manner befitting the highly important mission entrusted to him.

Pope's Invocation

"The Holy Father invokes the Heavenly assistance of Almighty God on the occasion of Christmas upon the President of the United States and the whole American nation," the letter said.

President Roosevelt has invited Dr. Butterick and Rabbi Cyrus Adler, President of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America to confer with him to-morrow.

Appointment Welcomed

The Secretary to the White House, Mr. Stephen Early, to-day said that President Roosevelt had received 400 telegrams during the weekend regarding Mr. Myron Taylor's appointment to the Vatican.

Only four of them criticised the President's action. Referring to these four, Mr. Early said: "They are apparently written on the assumption that the appointment means diplomatic recognition of the Vatican. A few protests have been received due to lack of understanding of the President's motives. There is no intention, and there has not been any such intention, for the appointment to lead to the restoration of diplomatic relations."

Mr. Early also said the decision will be made this week as to whether the United States Ambassador to Belgium, Mr. Joseph E. Davies, will resign and enter the State Department as special adviser on international problems regarding Russia and Central Europe.

Settling New Boundaries Soviet-Japanese Commission

MOSCOW, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—After eight meetings, the Sino-Soviet Joint Soviet-Japanese Mongolian-Manchurian Frontier Commission has concluded discussions. They laid the foundation for a settlement on January 7 when the same Commission will be convened at Harbin.

It is stated that it is agreed that the frontier points will then be charted on the map.

The opening session at Harbin will coincide with the arrival of the Japanese trade commission to Moscow for conferences with Foreign Commissioner Mikoyan.

CHUNGKING, Dec. 27 (Central).—Upon a recommendation of the Ministry of Education, the Executive Yuan decided yesterday to hold competitive examinations for the selection of students for advanced studies in the United States on government scholarships.

Pitcairn Islanders Isolated by War

PANAMA CITY, Dec. 26 (UP).—Inhabitants of lonely Pitcairn Island, populated by several hundred descendants of the mutineers of the *Bounty*, have been cut off entirely from the outside world since the European War began.

Before the war British ships running to New Zealand and London via the Panama Canal used to put into Pitcairn with supplies from New Zealand.

Since the war, however, this practice has been abandoned. It was said, because of fear that German submarines are operating in the vicinity.

The present situation is not likely to work any hardships on the islanders, because they have abundant crops of fruits and vegetables as well as fresh meats.

THE KING'S BROADCAST MYSTERY

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—Much interest and curiosity has been aroused regarding the origin of the quotation with which the King concluded his Christmas broadcast.

A number of literary authorities, including the Poet Laureate, Mr. John Masefield, were approached and declared that they had no knowledge of the author.

The mystery is partly solved by Mrs. J. C. M. Allen, of Bristol, who states: "The quotation was found on a post-card among a dead man's effects. I don't know who wrote the original. I sent the quotation in a letter to the *Times* in the dark days of September as a message of encouragement, and I presume the King must have seen it."

The quotation was as follows:

"I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year—Give me light so that I may tread safely into the unknown. And he replied—Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light."

Air Forces Have Quiet Christmas

PARIS, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—The air was calm throughout Christmas as bad visibility kept aircraft grounded.

The latest figures of British casualties, recently published, were the subject of comment by a War Office spokesman, who said that they effectively answered the German allegations, that France was bearing the brunt of the war and that Britain was doing nothing.

News of the Australian air squadron's arrival in Britain is received with enthusiasm in France.

SEEK TRANSFER OF SHIPS U.S. Company's New Application

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—The United States Lines will forward an application to the Marine Commission for permission to sell eight vessels to the Norwegian firm, the North Atlantic Transport Company, thus transferring them to Norwegian registry.

If the application is approved, the ships will be operated between New York, London and Liverpool.

It will be recalled that the American firm had previously sought to transfer its ships to the Panama flag but withdrew the application.

COPING WITH RICE PROBLEM

SHANGHAI, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The Peoples Food Re-Adjustment Federation established by the civic leaders, supported by bankers, to cope with the rice shortage and profiteering has elected many prominent Shanghai leaders to various committees.

Twenty members, including Mr. G. E. Mitchell, Mr. W. J. Keswick, Mr. Chen Taun-yi and Sir Candler Marshall are elected members of the Standing Committee while 34 others, including Mr. Yuan Lee-tung and Mr. Tien Khsin-ang are appointed to the Advisory Committee.

Mr. Yu Yeh-ching, Mr. Wang Yeh-ching and Mr. Hsu Ching-ching are elected members of the Purchasing Committee.

The Shanghai Rice Guild has pledged full co-operation.

Hitler's Tour Of Front Lines

BERLIN, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—In the course of its announcement of Hitler's Christmas visit, the troops on the Western Front, the official news agency says that on his tour to the hills of Spichern the Fuehrer crossed the frontier and promoted the captain commanding the sector to the rank of major.

Hitler's whole tour was marked by promotions and presents to the troops.

AUSTRALIAN AIRMEN IN ENGLAND

Civic Reception Following Disembarkation

LONDON, Dec. 26 (British Wireless).—Men of the first squadron of the Royal Australian Air Force to arrive in England since the outbreak of war were received with a civic welcome by the Mayor at their port of landing this morning.

VIVID EYE-WITNESS STORY OF FIGHTING

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still that I could hear clearly the crackling of branches as two men changed positions behind pine trees on the slopes thirty yards away.

That was the Finnish central front in the forest twenty miles from the Soviet border at 2.30 this morning. The long Arctic twilight made the forest, snow and sky seem level and flat as a sheet on which the trees stood out like pencil marks.

This morning I drove up to the front with my Swedish colleague in a great Finnish staff car with a blue and white general staff pennant fluttering from the white mudguard.

The general commanding the area gave us as a guide a young reserve officer who in peace time is the head of a British exporting section of a big wood-pulp company.

At the field headquarters further back the captain in charge of this area said the Russians had been using 3,000 men to attack at this point.

He went on: "They have artillery, much, much artillery. They used tanks last night, five light ones. We knocked out three of them with hand grenades, but these Russians have so much material."

"They put over 150 grenades in one minute," he said. "They threw them at one point against our lines yesterday. They shelled us heavily too, mostly with 75's, but their shooting is not good."

"We have worked out a way of our own of dealing with the tanks. We tie seven hand grenades together, then one man goes and dashes up, then one man and throws all seven grenades under the tank. He counts three and flings himself into the snow. If the tank cannot move forward quickly enough it is always wrecked."

Russians Short Of Clothing

As he spoke the telephone in his tent rang. He listened, and then pored over a map he had attached across the table in front of him.

A dozen ordinary pins, with imitation pearl tops, rose and pale-blue in colour, marked his positions. As he listened I saw him move two of these pins slightly back. Then he put in a call on another telephone and said: "Two more pins to the side and went on with his conversation."

"The Russians are definitely short of clothing. They are naked every one of our dead where we cannot find them. Some of the Russian prisoners are suffering terribly from frost-bite."

These attacks which the men are resisting here are near the village of Kujala, dead east of Kajana. It is not just another Russian raid, but is the spearhead of what is probably a new Russian offensive.

All evidence here confirms that the Red Army are not going to content themselves with one offensive toward Helsinki from the Karelian Isthmus and isolated attacks on the roads and railways of the north.

Three Big Attacks Planned They apparently intend to launch three major offensives. One, conducted by the Seventh Red Army, will be on the Karelian Isthmus. Another, led by the Ninth Russian Army, will probably be directed in the centre of Finland. The third, delivered by the Fourteenth Russian Army, will be along the Arctic Circle toward the Swedish frontier.

Another onslaught on this front was made last night by Russians towards Suomussalmi. I heard of it this morning when a Finnish pilot, the general who commands the whole of this front from Lake Ladoga to the Arctic.

A quiet, alert man, wearing spectacles, with almost a scholarly appearance, yet with a soldier's physique, I found him after a long drive from Kajana in a village.

He said to me: "The Russians certainly are massing a big force against us. They have infinitely more artillery and more anti-tank guns than we have. They have many tanks, mostly light ones armed with machine guns and cannon."

"They have been building special roads up to the frontier opposite here ever since the beginning of September. They are still building roads leading from their railway line."

The general seemed confident, even with the small Finnish force under his command, that he could hold up the Russian advance in this heavily wooded lake country near the frontier.

He was not blind, though, to the terrible strain these men are under where they have to fight battle after battle almost without rest. Nor did he underestimate the power of the Red Army.

After this front-line visit I am convinced that the Soviet force is only by reason of its size a far more formidable military machine than earlier reports suggested.

Individually it appears certain that the Russian soldiers, and particularly the infantrymen, are not so skilled as the Finns, nor does

They are fully trained and represent all branches of the service, but before going on active service, they will undergo further training in England. They will be attached to an R.A.F. Squadron but will retain their Australian identity.

Wing Commander W. V. Lachal, who is in command of the Squadron, was among those who met the men on their arrival.

Welcomed By Air Commodore Air Commodore T. E. D. Howe, in welcoming them on behalf of the British Air Minister said: "We have all been greatly impressed in this country with the ready response which Australia has made to the Empire Air Training Scheme and also the part she is taking in the production of aircraft independently of the home country."

The Air Commodore also conveyed a cordial welcome on behalf of the air officer commanding-in-chief of the Coastal Command.

High Commissioner's Message. Wing Commander Lachal read to the men a message from the Australian High Commissioner in which he said:

"Your safe arrival has given great pleasure, both in Great Britain and Australia. You are the representatives of an air force which has already established for itself an honourable position, in which you are called upon to perform and in which you are associated with the Royal Air Force. You will, I know, maintain that tradition."

The message from the Australian Air Minister said: "Great responsibility rests upon you. You will be comrades in a great and just campaign with the men of the R.A.F. and Australia is confident that you will play your part in whatever sphere you may be called upon to serve."

The people of Australia will follow your activities with the keenest interest, and will look forward to your safe return when your task is done. "May the best of good fortune attend you in this enterprise"

"Puppet" Is Kidnapped

Latest Shanghai Incident

SHANGHAI, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Chen Chiao-hai, Commissioner of Police at Minghsing, was kidnapped on December 18 by a band of 20 armed men, according to an arrival from Minghsing.

After the incident, a Japanese detachment followed the kidnapped, but turned back as darkness prevented them from proceeding.

It is learned that Chen was once a guerrilla operating in Pootung. He deserted from the guerrilla ranks, joining the "Water Police" of the Japanese-sponsored Municipality of Greater Shanghai.

No Truce At Christmas

Paris, Dec. 26. There has been no Christmas truce on the Western Front. The Germans have been almost as active as usual, sending out patrols and reconnaissance units. They were particularly active east of the Moselle, but their operations were sporadic and did not exceed local raids.

The main effort was at 4 a.m. on Christmas Day when, with the usual accompaniment of artillery and trench mortar fire, they launched a raid of some importance, on a wood east of the Moselle and sought for 90 minutes to approach a French post, which was surrounded by a box barrage, but the raid failed in the face of French automatic arms and artillery.—Reuter.

Activity in Air

Berlin, Dec. 26. A High Command communiqué states that British war planes attempted to attack German patrol boats in Heligoland Bight yesterday.

It claims the attacks failed in the face of the German machine guns.—Reuter.

their morale seem high. Certainly that of the prisoners is poor. Reds Have Masses Of Tanks, Planes

Three Finnish officers told me that prisoners said they did not know why they were fighting Finland. They complained that political commissars had forced them to attack.

"These may be just prisoners' tales. But it does seem clear that while the Reds' arms are good and their numbers are enormous, while they have great masses of tanks, planes and guns, their men are not really good."

Whatever the individual value of the Red Army, there would be no greater mistake, however, than to underestimate their total value.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

Hongkong Hotel Has Record Crowds

Hongkong celebrated the Christmas week-end with gusto. A tour of the Colony on Christmas Eve revealed that the war has made little difference in 1939. This was not the case during Christmas week of 1914, when, according to the 25-year-old files of the "Telegraph," the festivities were notable for their quietness.

The Colony's cinema houses did heavy business, particularly last night.

The programme at the King's Theatre is notable for the inclusion of two excellent new-reels, one of which gives a dramatic portrayal of the siege and surrender of Warsaw.

First pictures of the fighting on the Western Front are also included. Each of the four major hotels—the Hongkong Hotel, the Peninsula Hotel, the Repulse Bay Hotel and the Gloucester Hotel, were attended by record crowds.

In the case of the Hongkong Hotel on Saturday and Sunday nights the bookings were so heavy that it became necessary to open the Roof Garden for cocktails.

The Hardest Workers The hardest workers in the Colony during the week-end were June West and Kay, Mignone and the Six Grips Graces who, in addition to entertaining patrons at the Grips, crossed the harbour to give exhibitions at the Peninsula Hotel.

As usual Mignone, the demure and graceful ballerina, gave a superlative exhibition, her three numbers including the popular Doll Dance.

The "Piano Boys and the Duo Passiano provided the entertainment at the Gloucester Hotel, where they have opened an extended season.

WAR BECOMING A LITTLE LESS GENTLEMANLY

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few broadcasts, when the announcer forgot himself. Molotov is an old hand at this. He is a man of the world, but in the same sentence Stalin was mentioned without prefix. Radio and music hall comedians show the greatest disrespect for the head of the German state, now that the bun on making nasty cracks at foreign statesmen has been raised.

Popular Songs

The most popular comedian of the day, Arthur Askey, known as "Bigharted Arthur," has changed the words of the popular song "Run, Rabbit, Run" which is the rage now, to "Run, Adolf, Run" and the rest of the words correspondingly. Every time he sings it he gets thunderous applause.

In lower circles, such as public houses and along the sidewalks, ambulatory vendors are doing a roaring trade with sheets of paper on which there are drawings of several pigs. When the sheet is folded, it makes up the face of Hitler.

But there is one person who has not forgotten the old school, he and the tradition that made the playing fields of Eton the site on which the Battle of Waterloo was won.

That is the mysterious person known as the Lord Chamberlain, who censors the theatre. He has refused permission to a changing of one of the principal characters in Bernard Shaw's play "Genevieve" which deals with three dictators "Battler," "Bombardone" and "General Flanco de Fortinbras."

Shaw thought now that it was a free for all, he could substitute a man with a brown shirt and Charlie Chaplin moustache for the Lohengrin figure in shining armour named "Battler." But the Lord Chamberlain said "No" and when asked for his reason, said "We never give our reasons for such."

Somewhere must have caught the Lord Chamberlain slapping though, because Herbert Farjeon's "Little Red-vue" has a song in it called "Even Hitler had a Mother."

Few people remember that when the show was first put on, months before the war broke out, the song was entitled "Even Mussolini had a Mother" and the Lord Chamberlain at that time said "Simply not done, old boy." So it wasn't.

BERLIN-MOSCOW AIR SERVICE

MOSCOW, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—The Soviet and German governments have concluded a convention to establish a regular mail and passenger air service between Moscow and Berlin starting on January 3.

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SCOTLAND WIN DESULTORY MATCH

England Defeated 2-0: Schoolboy Prominent In Forward Line

(By "Rex")

EXCEPT FOR INTERMITTENT thrills, the Scotland-England international football match played at the Hongkong Club ground yesterday was a tame affair, and ended in an easy win for Scotland by two goals to nil. The game bordered on desultory, its redeeming features being the splendid goal-keeping of Duncan, the Scottish custodian, and an excellent display by Ferrier, Hossack and Pryde of short passing, which seemed to have had the England defence at sixes and sevens.

Bright played one of his worst games this season and after the first few exchanges the English side fell completely away to allow the Scots to do almost as they pleased.

Duncan gave one of his finest performances to date, and appeared to have full confidence in his back. When he was left to face the English attack alone, he came through with flying colours, saving point blank shots from Fowler, and going full length to the same player and Thoburn.

Blackburn and Bone were a tower of strength and showed an understanding that is seldom seen amongst backs in this Colony. Bone had the full measure of Fowler and prevented this player from ever being really dangerous. Blackburn, facing with a tricky left wing combination, acquitted himself creditably, so much so that Saw and Thomas appeared to be subdued.

Williamson gave his finest as an attacking pivot, and was given excellent support by his wing halves, McEwen and Clarke had the situation, from the start, well in hand, but were wise not to relax their vigilance.

BRILLIANT SCHOOLBOY

THE forwards were a delight to watch, especially Ferrier, Hossack and Pryde. Their passing very often left the English defence spread-eagled. Pryde's youth (he is only a schoolboy), and inexperience did not seem to weigh very much on his shoulders, and he carried himself well and was seldom robbed of the ball. Ferrier played much the same type of football as the former, and piled Hossack with many opportunities for running through and scoring. The two wingers were given hardly anything to do, but when they were called upon responded gallantly. Munro was the better of the two, his fine runs down the field, and his containing being a treat to watch. Tait was starved in the second half, and much was not seen of this player throughout.

Robinson was very shaky and did not seem to recover. He executed some brilliant saves but never appeared his usual self. After the first goal, which was his last, he seemed to brood over it and had a preoccupied appearance.

Roughly was the better of the two backs, Hendy was inclined to allow his man too much rope, attempting to dispossess him rather than race for the ball. Roughly took his charge more seriously, so much so that Ferrier thought it was to apparently ignore Tait and suddenly to send him a pass, but Roughly was not to be caught napping and Ferrier desisted.

AN OFF DAY

BRIGHT seemed to have had an off day and never settled down. Wilkinson was easily the best of the halves. He alone seemed to have sized up the situation well and did his level best against Pryde. Layhe was a rusher, and his inches seemed to meet with success on quite some few occasions, but he was inclined to do the opposite of what he should do, being up when he should have been down and vice versa.

The forward line, with the possible exception of Fowler and Thoburn, was a complete wash-out. Gardner, the third division player of Hongkong Electric, found representative matches a task, and, besides, was not in his accustomed position at centre-forward. He never really got going, and when he did was always robbed of the ball. Thoburn worked very hard and deserved a goal at least, but his poor shooting was to the Scots' advantage. Fowler was a trier, and he, too, deserved goals. His fault lies in that he does not realise he has a strong kick, and invariably taps the ball a slight too hard, losing it to an opponent. Saw was never seen to advance, and was averse to trying for goal and feeding Fowler too much.

ENGLAND KICK-OFF

SCOTLAND won the toss and chose to play with the sun behind them. England's initial attack petered out for Scotland to bring the ball up. Pryde and Hossack inter-passing for the former to hit the side of the net with a drily cutter. Robinson was finding difficulty with the sun in his eyes, and so were defenders, Roughly and Hendy. Bright tried from about 60 yards out for Duncan to test over. Ferrier started a movement down the left side inter-passing with Pryde and Hossack, but the latter slid, and Roughly cleared. From the clear-

ance Fowler tried a solo run and tested Duncan with a hard drive.

Fowler again broke through, and when on the point of shooting Duncan dived at his feet and he was forced to jump over him, and the ball was cleared with Fowler and Saw in close attendance. The game flagged somewhat with much midfield play, the half backs being much in evidence. Williamson was forcing Bright back and succeeded well.

SCOTLAND SCORE

WILLIAMSON sent Ferrier off with a lovely sweeping pass. Ferrier ran some way and passed to Pryde who took a snap shot at goal. Robinson jumped for it but the glare from the sun caused him to misjudge the flight of the ball with the result that it hit his left shoulder twisted out and went spinning into the net. This reverse did not seem to provoke England to any special efforts and Scotland seemed inclined to let matters lie.

Play brightened up a little, but a half-hearted manner of going about things featured the English side's play. Munro completed a nice run down the line, and from his centre Ferrier headed for Robinson to collect, fumbling badly. Munro came up again and sent in another fine centre, this time Tait attempted to head the low shot, and only succeeded in losing his balance, his outflung foot meeting the ball for it to hit the cross bar and rebound into play for Roughly to clear strongly.

A free kick was given against Ferrier for obstruction, and Bright sent Fowler off. He collided with Bone, and Gardner failed to follow up the advantage, kicking the ball against Duncan's knee. Fowler sent Gardner off, and from the centre Thoburn skied the ball after tripping Bone, and having only the goal-keeper to beat. The game slowed down considerably till half time.

ONE-SIDED PLAY

FROM the resumption the Scots asserted themselves and did pretty much what they liked with the defence all excepting Roughly. From a breakaway pass by Williamson, Munro centred for Tait to miss a nice header. Hossack ran through from a pass from Pryde, but his left kick went yards out. Fowler brought Duncan to his knees soon after this. Fowler was trying very hard for the equaliser, and in one of his efforts a penalty was given for obstruction, but he failed miserably with a very bad shot.

Another free kick was given for obstruction, and Bright came very near with a hard drive.

Scotland put matters beyond any question of extra time when Pryde sent Hossack through with a fine pass, Hossack ran in between the two backs, Robinson ran out to challenge him and the ball was lobbed over his head into the empty goal.

Scotland pressed hotly after this and forced England to play on the defensive. Ferrier tested Robinson with a nice low drive which Robinson had to go full length to save. The whistle blew as the corner kick was being taken.

Cash Sweep Winners At Fanling

The following were the winning cash sweep numbers at the Fanling races yesterday:

RACE 1
No. 753 157.44
No. 1041 107.44
Number of tickets sold, 1200.

RACE 2
No. 599 11,208.99
No. 1042 172.33
Number of tickets sold, 1100.

RACE 3
No. 432 1,331.40
No. 974 380.40
Number of tickets sold, 1130.

RACE 4
No. 84 11,208.99
No. 831 302.30
Number of tickets sold, 1120.

RACE 5
No. 30200 9107.54
No. 9330 5,949.57
Number of tickets sold, 1120.

RACE 6
No. 1277 11,208.99
No. 835 302.30
Number of tickets sold, 1120.



Blackburn (Scotland) coming across to intercept the incoming England forwards with Duncan on the ground after having saved. Scotland won the international soccer match yesterday by two goals to nil.—Mac Cheung.

HONGKONG C.C. BEAT ARMY

Alec Pearce Scores Brilliant Century

(By "R. Abbit")

THOUGH I HAVE WATCHED these Christmas matches for many years, and even played in them longer ago than I care to think about, I cannot recall a more perfect day than Tuesday. The wicket seemed in excellent order, and the Club were fortunate to go in first.

Richardson and Fortescue opened to Godby and Ratcliffe. The former's first ball apparently stuck in his hand and lay just in front of him. Apparently it did not count as a delivery as he picked it up and the umpire gave eight balls after without calling "no-ball." I should have thought the batsman was entitled to go down the pitch and play the ball. Possibly it was a form of Christmas tree.

As a matter of fact Godby could not find a length, and Fortescue protested by R. Ratcliffe bowled very steadily and kept Richardson quiet.

The Score Board

| H.K.C.C. | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|--|--|--|
| J. E. Richardson, lb.w. Harvey | 15 | | | |
| T. V. N. Fortescue, b Harvey | 22 | | | |
| T. A. Pearce, c Webb, b Denyer | 126 | | | |
| A. E. Perry, stp. Grose, b Mur- | | | | |
| phy | 66 | | | |
| J. C. Pearce, b Harvey | 10 | | | |
| L. T. Ride, c Grose, b Harvey | 12 | | | |
| D. I. Bosanquet, b Harvey | 4 | | | |
| R. D. Gillespie, c Grose, b Har- | 5 | | | |
| vey | 15 | | | |
| L. D. Kilbee, not out | 7 | | | |
| D. McLellan, not out | 7 | | | |
| S. O. Elise, did not bat. | | | | |
| Extras | 19 | | | |
| Total | 301 | | | |

| Bowling Analysis | | | | |
|------------------|----|----|--|--|
| Godby | 2 | 14 | | |
| Ratcliffe | 8 | 34 | | |
| Harvey | 13 | 56 | | |
| Murphy | 7 | 76 | | |
| Denyer | 8 | 72 | | |
| Swyer | 3 | 30 | | |

| Army | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|--|--|--|
| Capt. D. C. E. Grose, lb.w. Mc- | 24 | | | |
| Lellan | | | | |
| Cpl. Webb, c J. Pearce, b Mc- | 3 | | | |
| Lellan | | | | |
| Capt. Murphy, c Fortescue, b | 1 | | | |
| McLellan | | | | |
| Capt. C. E. Godby, c Kilbee, b | 32 | | | |
| T. Pearce | | | | |
| Dvr. Logan, b McLellan | 37 | | | |
| Maj. W. C. Harvey, b J. Pearce | 39 | | | |
| Sgt. Denyer, b J. Pearce | 8 | | | |
| Capt. A. B. Wharmann, not out | 16 | | | |
| Spr. Ratcliffe, b McLellan | 18 | | | |
| Capt. J. E. Lawrence, b Mc- | 9 | | | |
| Lellan | | | | |
| Maj. J. E. Swyer, b McLellan | 22 | | | |
| Extras | | | | |
| Total | 208 | | | |

| Bowling Analysis | | | | |
|------------------|----|----|--|--|
| McLellan | 17 | 70 | | |
| Perry | 10 | 30 | | |
| T. Pearce | 8 | 42 | | |
| J. Pearce | 7 | 29 | | |

but a change of bowling got the first wicket, for Harvey, relieving Godby, bowled Fortescue with one that came back. 31—1—22.

T. A. Pearce came in and settled down at once, though for the time runs came a bit slowly. They came surely, however, mostly to Pearce, and it was not until 93 runs were on the board that Harvey in his second spell got Richardson lb.w. for a score of 18 made in 47 minutes—a most unusual innings for Dicky.

FIREWORKS

IT was after this that the fun started. Pearce had been very hard on Murphy, and Perry settled down and backed him up. In one

over from Denyer they took 22. Pearce getting eighteen of them, including a lovely square six into the first floor verandah of the New Oriental Building.

He completed his fifty in 38 minutes. Some idea of pace of the scoring can be gathered from the fact that the first hundred came in 33 minutes, and the next fifty in 17 minutes!

A PAUSE—THEN MORE

Murphy, a slow left-hander, went on for Denyer at the Yard end, and slowed things up a bit. He bowled much better than at the Law Courts end, conceding only ten in his first two overs as against thirty previously. Perry by now was well in the picture. Apart from a bad mashie shot over the bowler's head, which long field got his fingers to but could not retain, he batted really well, and his hooking of Swyers was magnificent.

When 184 was up, 91 runs had been put on in 38 minutes. Perry completed his 50 in 43 minutes and Pearce sent up his own ninety with a perfect extra, cover drive.

It is true the bowling asked for a good tonking, but the artistry of his shots was delightful to watch. He seemed to pat the ball in the most gentle way and it was at the boundary before the eye could follow it, and all along the carpet.

THE STAND ENDS

THEN at 214 the stand came to a most unexpected close as Perry played forward quite gently to Murphy and missed it. Grose swept off the full and he was out, though he did not make any effort to move. His foot back 214—3—66. An uncommonly good knock. The third wicket had put on 121 in 48 minutes.

A GLORIOUS CENTURY

ALEC PEARCE completed his century in 79 minutes—he had hit sixteen fours and a six at this time. Moreover he appeared likely to get more.

His first bad shot was a tremendous off drive which was dropped near the big score board, on the rails—a very hard chance. To celebrate his escape he off drove a 6 and plunked the next into the pavilion seats, but missed a full toss dangerously near backward point, and later sided one to mid-wicket which the fielder could not get at.

But you can't hit all of them all the time, and he hit one round with the break and was very well caught at deep mid wicket. 252—4—120. He scored his runs in 89 minutes, and had hit 18 fours and two sixes.

TIFFIN SCORE

RIDE came in and though there were no fireworks he and John Pearce by no means neglected scoring, and at tiffin the score stood at 287 scored in 115 minutes.

AFTER TIFFIN

The game was resumed very punctually at 2.02 p.m., and Harvey bowled at the Yard end. John Pearce scored a single and then Ride lashed out at one on the off and was well caught at the wicket 288—5—12.

Ratcliffe bowled at the other end, and watching him through the glasses, he seemed to act his foot up before he delivered the ball every time. The umpire did not agree so I suppose next over Harvey got going and had Gillespie caught at the wicket 294—6—3, and a run later bowled John. Pearce's off stump 295—7—10.

Kilbee then came in, but a few runs later Harvey, who seemed to be bowling far above his previous PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

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Allies' 'Touch of Genius'

Mr. Louis Fischer, the American journalist, now in Europe, has written from Paris to the New York Nation (reports Time and Tide) as follows:—
"I find that the Allies' conduct of the war thus far has had the touch of genius. Diligent expected France to attack violently on the West, but the French General Staff exercised a restraint unusual to the military mind.
"Anglo-French strategy consists

in obtaining an economic stranglehold on Germany by means of a blockade and a cautious coming to grips with the Reichswehr on German soil.
"The longer the better prepared will be the Allies, whose rearmament started late, and the worse off Germany will be for want of vital imports.
"The German air force has not attempted to interfere with French and British mobilisation

or the meticulously planned transport of the first large British contingents to France.
"The Allies are the stronger, financially and industrially. They will get aid from the colonies and Dominions, and they hope from America. I do not think France and England want or require active United States military participation. The chief problem of the war is materials, not men. The Allies can continue the war alone for years."

'Prison Hells' Ruled By The Convicts

'Churchill's Last Quiet Days'

Stockholm.
The United States are now regarded in Germany as "practically in the war," according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Tidning."

Germany, therefore, he adds, does not mean to await the arrival of the American "plane ordered by the Allies before striking."
The German public is being gladdened by the prospect of the British Fleet as the sufferer. Well-informed circles declare that Mr. Churchill is enjoying his "last quiet week-end."

"The public are assured that the air operations against Poland will be insignificant compared with what is being prepared for Britain."
The "Tidning" also reports from Berlin that 60,000 spring mattresses are to provide "winter comfort" for the German soldiers in the Siegfried Line.

AMAZING STORIES OF CONVICTS WHO "RULE" BRITISH PRISONS. OF "HELLS ON EARTH" WHERE MEN IN GAOL HAVE SUCH MASTERY THAT THEY CAN DO WHAT THEY LIKE TO WARDERS, ARE REVEALED BY PRISON OFFICERS IN THEIR MAGAZINE.

Like a film of the American "big house," they tell a tale of men who say in effect: "If we don't do what we like, we'll pull the place down."

This is the astonishing climax reached in the Prison Officers' Magazine.

"Prisoners decline to carry out orders, often in the knowledge that they have achieved a position of such mastery that no punishment will befall them for their disobedience. Officers find themselves in an impossible position."

"To put it quite bluntly," says the magazine, "they have no confidence that, in their attempts to enforce discipline, they will receive support from above."

DO WHAT THEY LIKE

"In this state of uncertainty, the troublesome, the violent, and intractable prisoner can do, and does, almost what he likes within the four walls of his prison."

"As one officer recently remarked: 'Nothing seems to matter now, so long as we keep them inside.'"

"In one southern prison recently the probability of serious disorder was so great that representations were made to the governor on the subject. He apparently was indisposed to take any special precautions."

"Accordingly, the staffs themselves decided that the men off duty would hold themselves in readiness immediately to go to the aid of their colleagues if trouble arose."

STANHOPE BLAMED FOR SCAPA LOSS

THE sensational charge that the torpedoing of the battleship Royal Oak at Scapa Flow would not have happened had Lord Stanhope been removed earlier from the Admiralty was made by Mr. Herbert Morrison, one of the Socialist leaders, in Parliament.

Mr. Morrison was criticising the Prime Minister for the "lucky choice" of some of his Ministers.
Of the Earl of Stanhope, who was First Lord of the Admiralty until Mr. Churchill took over, he said:—
"If anybody on the Government side of the House were to put his hand on his heart and ask himself whether Lord Stanhope was likely to make a first-class First Lord, the answer must be No."

"I say that it was a public danger that he should have been in that office right up to the time of war."
"Why was he left as First Lord right into days of war? I do not like to talk about persons; it is distasteful. But it is part of our duty."
"Lord Stanhope had been in other offices, and many have good points. I do not know."
"When war came Mr. Churchill was brought in as First Lord, rather, I believe, on considerations of force majeure than on the choice of the Prime Minister. If it was right that he should be First Lord when the war broke out, surely it was equally right that he should have been First Lord before."

"My own belief is that the Scapa Flow disaster would never have happened if Lord Stanhope had been removed from office earlier than he was."
Of Sir John Gilmour, the Minister of Shipping, Mr. Morrison said: "I have a warm regard for him. No member is more fully respected as a man. But his choice as Minister of Shipping when ships are being submerged and blown up is just elementary idocy."

Of Lord Macmillan: "His appointment as Minister of Propaganda is another mistake."
Mr. Morrison had a general charge to make against the whole Ministry: "In rationing, the Government go hither and thither according to the latest blast from Fleet-street. They wobble all over the place according to the pressure that Lord Beaverbrook or some one else brings against them."
Mr. Morrison was supporting the Socialist amendment to the Address—it was the third day of the debate—and the first division of the new session followed just afterwards. The Socialist amendment was defeated by 303 votes to 125.

The amendment demanded the use of all the nation's resources in prosecuting the war, the maintenance of standards of life, and the solution of post-war problems on the basis of social justice.
In fact, the three days' debate showed more unity than division, except that the Socialist Party stressed the need to develop postwar aims now, while the Government said the thing to do was to win the war first.

HE RENTS LAND IN FRANCE FOR THE B.E.F.

Except The Trenches And Fighting Positions

ONE of the busiest specialists of the B.E.F. is the Director of Housing. He rents from the French all the buildings, land for military, land for base depots, dumps, hospitals, and so forth, that are not for more or less permanent occupation as long as the British force is in France.

For the benefit of men about to go on leave, he is now inspecting and renting suitable houses at the ports where the men may, if necessary, spend a night on their journey to England. They will not be asked to spend it uncomfortably in huts, as so many of them did last time.

For training purposes he is hiring ranges, training grounds for guns and tanks, areas for manoeuvres and the like.

Bi-Lingual Agreements
In this matter, as in so many others, we work invariably through the French authorities.
The Secretary of State for War, in whose name the lease is drawn, has the right to terminate it at seven days' notice, or immediately if through enemy action the property becomes useless to him.
He does not pay for any damage done to the property through what the agreement calls "faits de guerre." He does not pay rent for land used for trenches or other fighting positions.

Germans Fish In View Of French

A vivid description of the complete calm obtaining in Strasbourg is given by a visitor who was there last week. Near the Rhine bridge at Kehl German anglers are indulging peacefully in their favourite pursuit.
The bridge itself has been closed to traffic by a concrete barrier erected just on the German side of the half-way mark. On this, facing the French shore, a piece of red cloth has been stretched across the bridge. It bears in huge letters the following words: "We do not wish to make war against France."

Child Labour on German Farms

Germany is returning to the employment of child labour on farms, according to an agricultural expert speaking on the German radio says Reuter.
"On my own farm," he said, "I employ children whose average age is 12 years." He confessed frankly that the unskilled labour which many farmers were having to use was not at all successful.

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SOLDIERS' CLOTHING

Refugee Students Raise Money For Fighters

A campaign to raise four thousand winter garments for Chinese troops on the China front has been started by the students of the Canton University, now continuing their studies in Hongkong.

The students have organised themselves into the Canton University Students' Committee for the Solicitation of Soldiers' Winter Garments. The members have been called from all departments of the University, which has over 1,000 undergraduates of both sexes.

Yesterday afternoon a tea party was given by the Committee to representatives of the Hongkong Press, both foreign and Chinese, to explain the objects and aims of the campaign.

Mr. Fung Sze-min, Chairman, said the work of raising funds to purchase the garments was proceeding by means of subscriptions from the students, and by the sale of tickets to a theatrical performance at the Po King Theatre on December 29 at which a number of the leading Chinese stage and screen artists will give their services.

The Committee is also arranging a cinema show in the Nathan Theatre, Kowloon, next month. Eight of the leading American film distributing companies in the Colony had promised to lend films for the function. If possible, the students

mean to exceed their aim of collecting 4,000 garments, each of which will cost \$1 to make.

When the required sum has been raised, it is proposed to remit the money to Mme. Chiang Kai-shek in Chungking, where the garments will be made.

Several pressmen spoke in support of Mr. Fung.
The performance at the Po King Theatre on December 29 will be from 12 noon to 4 p.m., and tickets are priced at \$5, \$3, \$2, \$1 and 50 cents.

WINTER GARMENTS

Chungking, Dec. 16.
Enthusiastic support is displayed by the overseas Chinese in Cuba for the winter garment campaign initiated by Madame Chiang Kai-shek. Contributions amounting to \$93,000 have been remitted to Madame Chiang—Central News.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS
1—Quiescent
6—More recent
12—Deal to the heart
13—One who answers
14—Morally base person
15—Grain
16—Those who act part
17—Civil War general
18—Type of building
21—Fast boat
22—Leander
23—Woman of nursing
24—Disappointed
25—Pertaining to "left
26—Stroke in billiards
27—Cut
28—Moved rapidly
29—Mental image
30—Triton's horn
31—Treaty with hot
32—Valley with heavy
33—Treaty with hot
34—Dexterity
35—Utmost hyperbole
36—Monetary unit of
37—Lemon
38—Happen to
39—Happen to
40—Dilemma
41—Dilemma
42—Dilemma
43—Dilemma
44—Dilemma
45—Dilemma
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60—Dilemma

DOWN
2—Loop obligingly
3—High mountains
4—Most wicked
5—Let us
7—Northern constellation
8—Cantata
9—Conveyed by written instrument
10—Yonder
11—Hate
12—Modern dwelling
13—Place for writing
14—Became thin
15—Disappointment
16—Whispered word and
17—Quick
18—Before 1811
19—Born on 22
20—Military response
21—Type of Louisiana
22—Native soil
23—Disaster
24—Who was the
25—Future
26—Future of Russia
27—Before 1811
28—Anax
29—Horse-foot goddess
30—Kroes
31—One who said
32—"Open arena"
33—"Territory of French
34—End of China
35—Observe
36—End of China
37—One of United
38—State value
39—Opposite of down



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You have your scarf and you take your choice.

Here are the instructions for making:

Materials—6oz. of 3-ply wool in the main shade.

1/2oz. of the same wool in each of 2 contrasting shades.

A set of 4 No. 10 needles pointed at both ends.

Measurements—Width, 8in. Length, 50in.

Abbreviations—K, knit; P, purl; st, stitch; in, inch; st, stocking stitch.

Tension—7 1/2 sts. to 1in.



Using the main shade of wool, cast on 120 sts. (40 on each of 3 needles) and work in rounds of K, 1, P, 1 rib for 1 1/2in. Continue in st. st. (each round K.) for a further 1in.

Still working in st. st., continue in the following stripes: 1/2in. of 1st. contrasting shade, 1/2in. of main shade, 1/2in. of 2nd. shade contrasting, 1/2in. of main shade, 1/2in. of 1st. contrasting shade. Change to the main shade.

Continue in st. st. until work measures 48 1/2in. from lower edge. Now repeat from * to * once and end with 1in. of st. st. and 1 1/2in. in K, 1, P, 1 rib to match the other end.

Cast off loosely in the rib.

SHORT CUTS

The butter of muffins should be a little thinner than cake butter. It should not be beaten too much, if you wish it to have a smooth texture similar to that of bread.

The substitution of sour milk or sour cream for sweet milk or cream in muffins produces a more delicate, softer texture.

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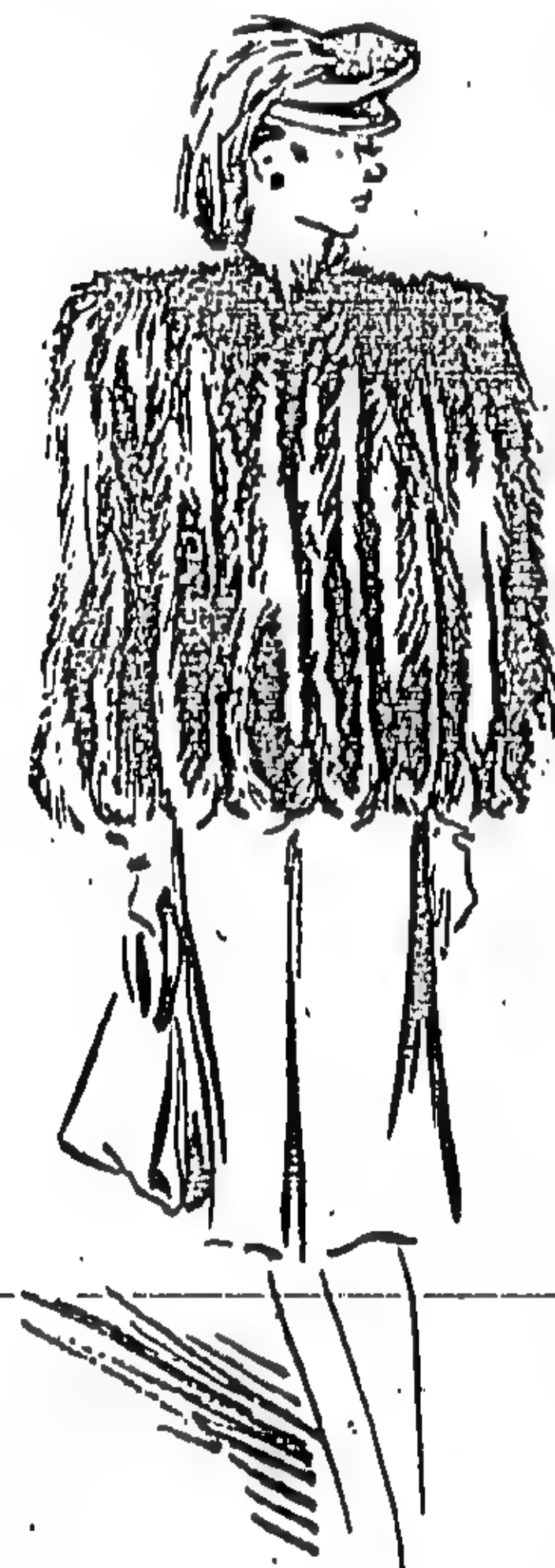
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Christmas Celebration

Charged with causing malicious damage to a motor car belonging to Mr. L. M. Wylie, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and with being drunk and disorderly in Gloucester Road, Wanchai, on Christmas Day, Able-seaman Robert Leslie Gibbs, 25, of H.M.S. Scout, appeared before Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday. He denied both counts.

Sgt. Dingsdale, of Wanchai, said he saw Gibbs standing beside a car with a hammer in his hand.

Chan Kun-kau, mechanic, said he and his colleagues were engaged in changing a wheel of the car outside a garage when Gibbs attempted to strike them. Fearing him, the mechanics fled. Gibbs kicked at one of the car's doors, breaking it, and pulled out a pane of glass, breaking it.

Gibbs remarked that if he had pulled out the glass it was strange he had no cuts on his hands. Chan, replying to Mr. Forrest, said the window pane was made of triple glass.

Mr. S. O. Ismail, motor car repairer, said he was responsible to Mr. Wylie for the car. The damage caused was approximately \$20.

Gibbs said he had no recollection of any incident with a car. Mr. Forrest ordered him to pay \$20 compensation to Mr. Wylie on the first count, and fined him \$20 on the second.

CHUNGKING EPIDEMIC

Serious Outbreak of
Diphtheria Reported

Chungking, Dec. 26. Many cases of diphtheria were reported in Chungking during the holidays. The presence of the numerous deep tunnel-shaped dug-outs helped contagion.

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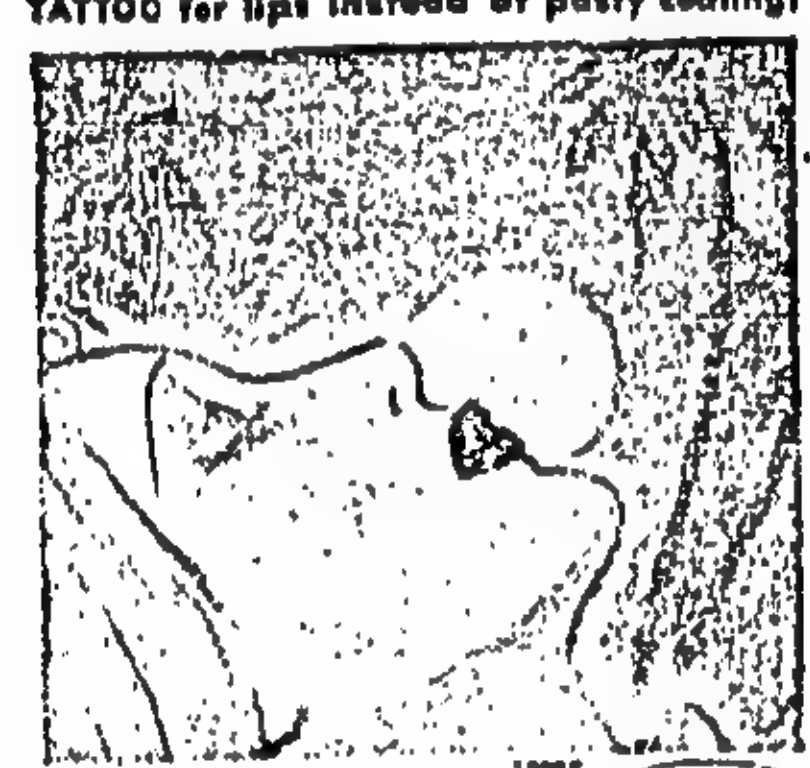
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They Talk Of Fish and Mines

By JOHN RUDNEY

YOU want to hear about magnetic mines, about torpedoes, about fish, about strange fish, about dangerous fish?

On England's eastern front, where the winds howl and the home fires glimmer in the front line, that huge margin of the unknown which is the unlighted sea and the darkened mainland, men talk casually of these things.

"We live by fish in Grimsby. It's the world's first fishing port, y'know. . . . Yes, many's having a change now. They're taking the trawlers for minesweeping; another big batch just going. Bad for business, yes, bad for employment. There's been a rush of fellows, though, to sign on them minesweepers. Job's got to be done."

So they understate, in their soft unboastful voices, the tale of courage, of hard times, of determination.

It may be the Mayor, Alderman John Sutton, before the fire in his red plush parlour. It may be the doctor (out of work these six weeks), David Troop in the pub they call "Kingsy," much frequented by dockers, fish-lumpers (those who carry fish from ship to shore) and deal carriers; it may be the little woman in new black whose hand they take silently when she turns up as usual ("must carry on") at the Saturday night show at the Excelsior Club, where skippers, lumpers, all sorts meet; it may be the men whose names I may not mention.

The Things They Said About Magnetic Mines

Constantly I met these nameless sailors of nameless ships whose names one would delight to honour. People in Grimsby don't underestimate danger or overstate fortitude. I wish I could print the things they said about magnetic mines in the cold, prim light of a morning: I can only affirm that they have wrecked nobody's spirit.

The Mayor's voice broke when he spoke of the 1,200 Grimsby fishermen lost in the last war. "We shall lose some lads and some ships again. It will be awkward, but we're prepared to do our share."

The first fires and comforts of safety are offered to shipwrecked men of all nations at the Queen Mary Hotel in Lily Square.

"We've taken 240 shipwrecked men in one month," said Captain L. F. Yelland, the superintendent, who has been looking after victims of some disaster or other every week-end since the war. There are mattresses even on the billiard tables.

City Nottion of the Trawler Owners' Association, does a voluntary job for the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society, puts the men in touch with their Consuls, arranges for new outfits, buys them tickets home.

But this rescue work must be a great strain on the town.

A Monument in Local Football

You talk fish, if you know how to, with everybody, whatever their interests.

The great figure of George Pearce, wholesale fish-merchant, with whom I talked haddock, is a monument in local football, for he is a chairman of Grimsby Town F.C., who returned in triumph recently after beating Lincoln.

George told me he has received as many as 40 radio messages from Iceland after a Town success. Those silent waves forget the Town.

With jovial emphasis, ex-Mayor, Alderman Ernest Harrison, we discussed madrigals, light opera and the delights of the amateur stage, in which the fish industry excels.

The fish-men are restarting madrigal sing-songs—with a hey-nony-no swing.

Teddy Glanville, manager of the Tivoli Music Hall, keeps his end up by sticking to his hat in the office, and hanging the tin one in the office. The seafaring house cheered the high kickers while I was there on Saturday night and queued up with faint orderliness in the long bar for drinks in the interval.

"Not Hitler's flag, I won't, I said. I'll tattoo the proper German flag," "And what did the Germans say to that?"

"They just looked silly—seeing they were here in England."

So Professor Manley, tattoo artist, explained his last end with the enemy before the war in his studio (or saloon, or consulting room!) with its offer of a thousand choice tattoo designs, near the docks.

"And since the war I've had gentlemen come to me to have the swastika removed. I tattooed a nice ship instead."

"Any war-time designs?" "No, the lads like names now. Their mother, their girl or their wife. Sometimes their own name and address in case something happens." Times not being good—with the ships "sweeping" and the fish trade in an early war muddle—I met many unemployed.

Trade Union Organiser P. G. Tripp was pleased with the dockers' rise of 1s. per day, but since the rise there has been precious little work. There is no alternative to the fish industry in Grimsby. Only signing on a minesweeper.

So David Troop, who has tried to sign on twice and been unlucky, finds times hard with six children and compulsory attendance to report twice a day at the docks knowing there is no work.

Jonnie, The Seaside Zoo's Porcupine

To see the spectacle in a war I motored out to Cleethorpes in the grey early sunset, and found the haunts of fun desolate but for a few stragglers who said, "When will it ever come back?"

BIG MACAO EXPLOSION

Bomb In Well-Known City Hotel

Macao was rudely shaken on Saturday night by a terrific bomb explosion in the Central Hotel, where is situated one of the Colony's most popular gambling establishments.

The explosion occurred on the first floor at a time when the building is normally packed during week-ends with visitors from Hongkong and many other parts of Kwangtung. A great panic followed the sudden detonation. Hundreds rushed helter skelter to the elevators and staircases and many are said to have been injured in the mad scramble. Outside a great crowd collected within a few minutes and traffic became impassable in the narrow street. Police were quickly on the scene, but investigation showed that little damage had been done.

According to a Hongkong resident who was an eye-witness, the explosion occurred on the staircase of the first floor and, as far as he knew, there were no casualties.

Mr. Fu Wai-sang, a well-known Hongkong resident, who owns the Central Hotel, was staying in the Hotel at the time. The motive of the plot is still obscure and police investigations are proceeding.

MINES EXPLODE ON ISLAND

Thrill For Residents At Cheung Chau

Two mines exploded off the rocks at Cheung Chau Island on Christmas Eve.

The first mine exploded about 800 yards south-east of the Cheung Chau Police-station, causing some of the windows and plaster in the O.I.C.'s Quarters to fall off.

The second mine exploded on the rocks north of the island. Neither of the mines was sighted before the explosion. No one was injured.

Mr. Dalries, of the Anti-Piracy vessel Britannia, reports that a drifting mine was sunk by revolver fire about three fathoms south of Pine Tree Bay.

BUSY CHRISTMAS FOR AIR PATROLS

LONDON, Dec. 26 (British Wireless).—The Air Ministry announced: "Throughout yesterday, although it was Christmas Day, the R.A.F. continued with unrelaxed vigilance their patrols covering our fishing fleets in the North Sea."

"Certain of our aircraft observed German patrol vessels in the eastern North Sea area. These vessels opened fire on our aircraft which took retaliatory bombing action. Hits were not observed and no damage was done to our aircraft."

PEARL RIVER RE-OPENED

The China Navigation Company has been notified by its Canton office that the Pearl River has been reopened to the usual limited British service.

The river was closed on December 17 and was to have remained closed until the end of the year. Its closure occurred only a week after permission had been granted for the fortnightly sailings of the Faishan from Hongkong to be made weekly. The result was that the sailings had to stop altogether and one immediate departure cancelled.

The weekly sailings of the Faishan will now be resumed early in the new year.

The closure on this occasion was limited to eight days. No explanation has been given.

SEVEN DIE IN PLANE CRASH

CASABLANCA, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—Seven bodies were recovered from the Italian plane which crashed in French Morocco and burst into flames. The dead comprised four members of the crew and three journalists.

CONTACT UNITS ACTIVE

PARIS, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—Today's communique states that there was activity of contact units.

New Appointment

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—Mr. Joseph Davies, U.S. Ambassador to Belgium, has been appointed Special Assistant Secretary of State to deal with war emergency problems and international trade negotiations.

SWISS WARNING

BERLIN, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—According to a General Staff notice, foreign planes flying over Swiss territory are liable to be fired on without special warning.

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Notice to Shippers

It has been decided to institute CONTRACT and NON-CONTRACT rates of freight in connection with the freight tariff issued by this Bureau. Any shipper who signs the Bureau's form of contract undertaking to forward all his firm's shipments by carriers who are Members of this Bureau (except as provided for in the Bureau's contract) will be given the benefit of the Bureau contract rates. Shippers who do not sign this contract will be charged non-contract rates. This arrangement will become effective as from February 1, 1940. A new tariff is now in preparation.

Shippers are requested to apply to the Secretary for signature of contracts.

W. F. ARNDT,

Secretary.

Hongkong, December 27, 1939.

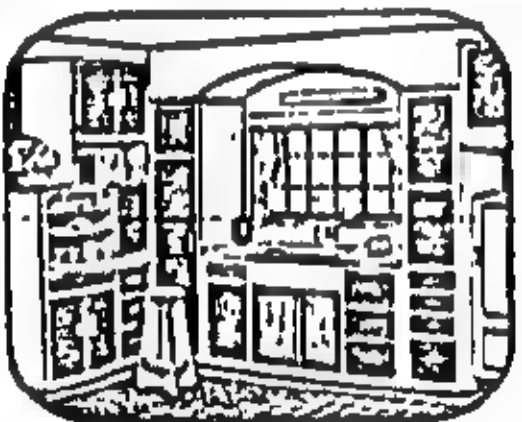
CAR STOLEN

Sub. Lt. Wood has reported to the Police the loss of his Morris car No. 628 from outside the Civil Service Club yesterday. The car is valued at \$1,600.

A clock valued at \$10 was stolen from a car belonging to Mr. J. Lawrence of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company. The car was parked in King's Park near the Club de Recoile.

Another Purge?

MOSCOW, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The official newspaper, "Pravda," yesterday contained a long list of names of officials and workers who have been called upon to appear before the People's Tribunal to answer charges of failure to maintain production levels.



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The Middle School re-opens January 2nd. Entrance Examination on Saturday, December 30th, at 9 a.m. For Prospectus, apply to Fung Man Sui, Esq., or Chan Pak Luk, Esq., Messrs. Harry Wickham, Prince's Building, (Tel. 30241) or to St. Stephen's College, Stanley.

ST. STEPHEN'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL, STANLEY.

The Preparatory School, for boarders (boys) and day-pupils (boys and girls) re-opens January 2nd. A Kindergarten Class for Chinese day-pupils, boys and girls, will be opened on January 2nd at 9 a.m. For particulars, apply to St. Stephen's College, Stanley.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

What to do to help a child

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with—

The Hon. General Secretary, H.K.S.P.C., Old City Hall.

The Inspector, 49, Pokfulam Road, 1st floor.

The Inspector, 15, Star St., Wanchai.

The Inspector, 12, Sai Yeung Choi St., Kowloon.

The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.

The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

LETTERS

Students In Buses

To the Editor,

The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—I have read the notice concerning the new scheme of issuing tickets for school children on the mainland by the Kowloon Bus Co. which allows eight maximum trips per day which is just sufficient.

But according to the said notice there seemed to be a fact overlooked by the K.M.B. Company. The notice said that the tickets will be available on weekdays only. Then what about the half Saturday which almost all the school children have to attend?

—The Bus Co.—should clarify the position before the actual issue of the tickets which will be made at the end of this month, so that necessary steps can be taken to rectify the oversight, if any.

ANXIOUS STUDENT.

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WATCH FOR THE OPENING DATE

H. K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS

H.K. Bank \$ 1.350 n.
H.K. Bank (S. Reg.) \$ 1.350 n.
H.K. Bank (H.K. Reg.) \$ 1.350 n.
Chartered Bank \$ 1.350 n.
Merchants Bank \$ 1.350 n.
Merrill, C. & Co. \$ 1.350 n.
East Asia \$ 1.350 n.

INSURANCES

Canton \$ 1.350 n.
Union \$ 1.350 n.
China Underwriter \$ 1.350 n.
H.K. Fire \$ 1.350 n.

SHIPPING

Douglas \$ 1.350 n.
Indo-China P.S. \$ 1.350 n.
Indo-China D.S. \$ 1.350 n.
Shells (Bearers) \$ 1.350 n.
Waterboats \$ 1.350 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves \$ 1.350 n.
Docks \$ 1.350 n.
Provident \$ 1.350 n.
New East Sh. \$ 1.350 n.
Sh. Docka Sh. \$ 1.350 n.

MINING

Kailan \$ 1.350 n.
Kaibus & ex. div. \$ 1.350 n.
Venz Gold \$ 1.350 n.
H.K. Mines \$ 1.350 n.

LANDS

Hotels \$ 1.350 n.
Lands \$ 1.350 n.
Lands 4% Deb. \$ 1.350 n.
Shal Lands Sh. \$ 1.350 n.
Humphreys \$ 1.350 n.
H.K. Estates \$ 1.350 n.
Chinese Estates \$ 1.350 n.

UTILITIES

Trams \$ 1.350 n.
Peak Trams (old) \$ 1.350 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$ 1.350 n.
Star Ferry \$ 1.350 n.
Y. Ferry \$ 1.350 n.
China Lights (old) \$ 1.350 n.
China Lights (new) \$ 1.350 n.
H.K. Electric \$ 1.350 n.

INDUSTRIES

Cold: Mack (Ord.) \$ 1.350 n.
Cold Mack (Pref.) \$ 1.350 n.
Canton Ice \$ 1.350 n.
Cement \$ 1.350 n.
H.K. Ropes \$ 1.350 n.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms (old) \$ 1.350 n.
Dairy Farms (new) \$ 1.350 n.
Watson \$ 1.350 n.
Lane, Crawford \$ 1.350 n.
Sincere \$ 1.350 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$ 1.350 n.
Powell, Ltd. \$ 1.350 n.

COTTON MILLS

Shai Cotton Sh. \$ 1.350 n.
Zhong Sing Sh. \$ 1.350 n.
Wing On Textiles \$ 1.350 n.

MISC.

H.K. Entertainment \$ 1.350 n.
Constructions (old) \$ 1.350 n.
Constructions (new) \$ 1.350 n.
Vibro Piling \$ 1.350 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1924 \$ 1.350 n.
G. Bonds \$ 1.350 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan \$ 1.350 n.
H.K. Govt. 3% Loan \$ 1.350 n.
Marsmans (Lon.) \$ 1.350 n.
Marsmans (H.K.) \$ 1.350 n.

MANILA SHARES

Following are sales and bid prices:
Antamok \$ 1.350 n.
Atok \$ 1.350 n.
Bajupin Gold \$ 1.350 n.
Bajupin Cons. \$ 1.350 n.
Bijig Wedge \$ 1.350 n.
Cebu Grove \$ 1.350 n.
Cons. Mines \$ 1.350 n.
East Mindanao \$ 1.350 n.
I.P. Gold \$ 1.350 n.
Luzon Mining \$ 1.350 n.
Mabuhay Cons. \$ 1.350 n.
Mabuhay Cons. \$ 1.350 n.
Mind. Motherlode \$ 1.350 n.
Mine Operations \$ 1.350 n.
North Camarines \$ 1.350 n.
Parangal Gumam \$ 1.350 n.
San Marcial \$ 1.350 n.
Surfing Cons. \$ 1.350 n.
Suyco Cons. \$ 1.350 n.
Syndicate Invest. \$ 1.350 n.
United Paracels \$ 1.350 n.

The following is Swan, Culbertson & Fritz' report on this morning's market:

The Manila Gold Share market closed with a good undertone after a

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London \$ 1.350 n.
T.T. Shanghai \$ 1.350 n.
T.T. Singapore \$ 1.350 n.
T.T. India \$ 1.350 n.
T.T. U.S.A. \$ 1.350 n.
T.T. Manila \$ 1.350 n.
T.T. Bangkok \$ 1.350 n.
T.T. Saigon \$ 1.350 n.
T.T. France \$ 1.350 n.
T.T. Switzerland \$ 1.350 n.
T.T. Australia \$ 1.350 n.

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London \$ 1.350 n.
4 m/s L/C do. \$ 1.350 n.
4 m/s L/C U.S.A. \$ 1.350 n.
4 m/s France \$ 1.350 n.
30 d/s India \$ 1.350 n.
U.S. Cross rate in London \$ 1.350 n.
U.S. Cross rate in N. Y. \$ 1.350 n.

SOVIET "BIG BERTHAS" SHELL KARELIA CITY

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who can be spared from the town of Viipuri.

A special train to-night is taking 4,000 evacuees which will virtually denude the town of civilians, due to the fact that the previous evacuation brought the civilian population down to 7,000.

This order followed two days' almost incessant artillery and aerial bombardments.

Soviet planes dropped ten bombs on Porvoo, 30 miles from Helsinki, killing nine and wounding twenty people. Only two of the bombs exploded.

Official sources states that during the Christmas week-end a total of 42 civilian centres in Finland were bombed. The intensified Red attack, they said, seems to indicate an attempt to speed up the drive on Viipuri and Helsinki via the Isthmus.

It has been officially announced that the Russians in the Isthmus yesterday attempted to cross the Unto River at four points—Hallerma, Akkola, Kulja and Tolosala—but they were repulsed everywhere. Seven hundred Russians were killed and a total of 23 Russian planes were shot down. Five infantry guns, 16 machine guns and five quick-firing guns were captured.

Several tanks were also put out of commission and 50 prisoners were taken during the Christmas Day operations, when 20 additional tanks were destroyed.

SEEK TRANSFER OF SHIPS

U.S. Company's New Application

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—The United States Lines will forward an application to the Marine Commission for permission to sell eight vessels to the Norwegian firm, the North Atlantic Transport Company, thus transferring them to Norway.

If the application is approved, the ships will be operated between New York, London and Liverpool. It will be recalled that the American firm had previously sought to transfer its ships to the Panama flag but withdrew the application.

Steady morning session. The volume was moderately good with the average showing a rise of 1.84 from yesterday's close.

Gains ranged from fractions to two centavos. Masbate and Suyco were fractionally up while Ilogan and United Paracels advanced one centavo. San Marcial and Surigao were both up two centavos.

Dec. 26, Dec. 27, Morning

Volume of business done \$414,300 Pa 373,400

Gold Share Aver. 00.82 02.60

Air Forces Have Quiet Christmas

PARIS, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—The air was calm throughout Christmas as bad visibility kept aircraft grounded.

The latest figures of British casualties, recently published, were the subject of comment by a War Office spokesman, who said that they effectively answered the German allegations that France was bearing the brunt of the war and that Britain was doing nothing.

News of the Australian air squadron's arrival in Britain is received with enthusiasm in France.

Broke Into City Store

Would-Be Thief Is Sent To Prison

LI Wong, 32, unemployed, was charged before Mr. Houston at the Central Magistracy this morning with breaking and entering the first floor of the Sun Company and stealing 71 wrist and pocket watches valued at \$5,000 from showcases.

He was also charged with returning from banishment.

Sub. Inspector Goodwin said on the night of November 30 Li entered the premises by cutting a pane of glass out of the verandah door. He then broke open a showcase and extracted its contents. He was heard by a watchman and arrested.

Pleading guilty to both charges Li was sentenced to a year's imprisonment.

CITY ROBBERY SEQUEL: MAN IS CHARGED

Charged with robbery, with others not in custody, Ho Kin, 20, unemployed, was this morning remanded for 72 hours.

Ho is alleged to have entered 172 Wellington Street, the premises of Fung Kwong-shing, 73, on December 20 and stole \$15,000 in Hongkong currency, \$1,100 in Chinese currency, \$33 in Singapore currency, one diamond finger ring, 100 two mace tubes of Government prepared opium and a black leather box.

BERLIN-MOSCOW AIR SERVICE

MOSCOW, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—The Soviet and German governments have concluded a convention to establish a regular mail and passenger air service between Moscow and Berlin starting on January 3.

\$255 Stolen From Shop Foki

While walking between Benham Street and Wing Lok Street yesterday, Chan Wing-to, a suit fish shop foki, had \$255 snatched from his pocket.

Thief's Haul From Wardrobe

Entering the bedroom of Mrs. L. M. Kissick at 26 Austin Road on Saturday, a thief stole \$25 from a drawer in the wardrobe.

German Train Tragedy

BERLIN, Dec. 26 (UP).—The D.N.B. (German Official News Agency) reports that the death toll in the train collision at Karlsruhe now totals 60, with 23 injured.

The two station-masters involved have been arrested.

SWISS WARNING

BERLIN, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—According to a General Staff notice, foreign planes flying over Swiss territory are liable to be fired on without special warning.

Rainless December?

If no rain falls on the five remaining days of the year a 30-year meteorological record will be equalled, as December will have been a rainless month. Only twice since records were begun in Hongkong in 1864 has December been without a single rainy day—in 1864 and 1909.

Despite the absence of rain this month the year's rainfall is over the average annual fall of 64.28 inches. But it does seem clear that while the total to 80.70 inches, which is the biggest fall since 1934 when 87.66 inches were registered.

Confiscation Of Sampan Is Invoked

Det.-Sergeant D. Davies this morning applied for and was granted an order for the confiscation of a sampan for the Kowloon Magistracy. The application arose from the appearance of Wong Ngau-lul, 32, and Leung Yau, 36, boatmen, before Mr. E. H. Hume, charged with unlawful possession of dutiable wine.

Det.-Sergeant Davies said 20 gallons of wine in 10 tins were found concealed in the bottom of the boat. The woman admitted possession of the wine, but the man denied the charge. He was discharged, his plea being accepted.

Wong was fined \$100 or two months' imprisonment.

SKIERS HARASS ENEMY

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them with hand grenades, but these Russians have so much material.

"They put over 150 grenades in one mine from grenades thrown at one point against our lines yesterday. They shelled us heavily too, mostly with 75's, but their shooting is not good."

"We have worked out a way of our own of dealing with the tanks. We tie seven hand grenades together, then one of our men ditches up on his skis and throws all seven grenades under the tank. He counts three and flings himself into the snow. If the tank cannot move forward quickly enough it is always wrecked."

Russians Short Of Clothing

As he spoke the telephone in his tent rang. He listened, and then passed a map stretched across the table in front of him.

A dozen ordinary pins, with imitation pearl tops, rose and pale-blue in colour, marked his positions. As he listened I saw him move two of these pins slightly back. Then he put in a call on another telephone and shifted two more pins to the side and went on with his conversation.

"The Russians are definitely short of clothing. They strip naked every one of our dead who we cannot bring in. Some of the Russian prisoners are suffering terribly from frost-bite."

These attacks which the men are resisting here are near the village of Kujala, dead east of Kajaani. It is not just another Russian raid, but the spearhead of what is probably a new Russian offensive.

All evidence here confirms that the Red Army are not going to content themselves with one offensive toward Helsinki from the Karelian Isthmus and isolated attacks on the roads and railways of the north.

Three Big Attacks Planned

They apparently intend to launch three major offensives. One, conducted by the Seventh Red Army, will be on the Karelian Isthmus. Another, led by the Ninth Russian Army, will probably be directed in the centre of Finland. The third, delivered by the Fourteenth Russian Army, will be along the Arctic Circle toward the Swedish frontier.

Another onslaught on this front was made last night by Russians towards Suomussalmi. I heard of it this morning when I was talking to the general who commands the whole of this front from Lake Ladoga to the Arctic.

A quiet, alert man, wearing spectacles, with almost a scholarly appearance, yet with a soldier's physique, I found him after a long drive from Kajaani in a village.

He said to me: "The Russians certainly are mounting a big force against us. They have infinitely more artillery and more anti-tank guns than we have. They have many tanks, mostly light ones armed with machine guns and cannon."

"They have been building special roads up to the frontier opposite here ever since the beginning of September. They are still building roads leading from their railway line."

The general seemed confident, even with the small Finnish force under his command, that he could hold up the Russian advance in this heavily wooded lake country near the frontier.

He was not blind, though, to the terrific strain these men are under where they have to fight battle after battle almost without rest. Nor did he underestimate the power of the Red Army.

After this front-line visit I am convinced that the Soviet force is only by reason of its size a far more formidable military machine than earlier reports suggested.

Individually it appears certain that the Russian soldiers, and particularly the infantrymen, are not so skilful as the Finns nor does their morale seem high. Certainly that of the prisoners is poor.

Reds Have Masses Of Tanks, Planes

Three Finnish officers told me that prisoners said they did not know why they were fighting Finland. They complained that political commissars had forced them to attack.

These may be just prisoners' tales. But it does seem clear that while the Red's arms are good and their numbers are enormous, while they have great masses of tanks, planes and guns, their men are not really good.

Whatever the individual value of the Red Army, there would be no greater mistake, however, than to underestimate their total value.

The Finns strike me as being among the best soldiers I have ever seen. But they are up against an overwhelming mass force.

POST OFFICE

Small Packet Post to all countries suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 1 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 9 a.m. Registered and Parcel Mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILS

Japan and Shanghai Dec. 27.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—London date, 20th December Dec. 28.

Air Mail "Pan American Airways" Direct Service—San Francisco date, 19th December Dec. 28.

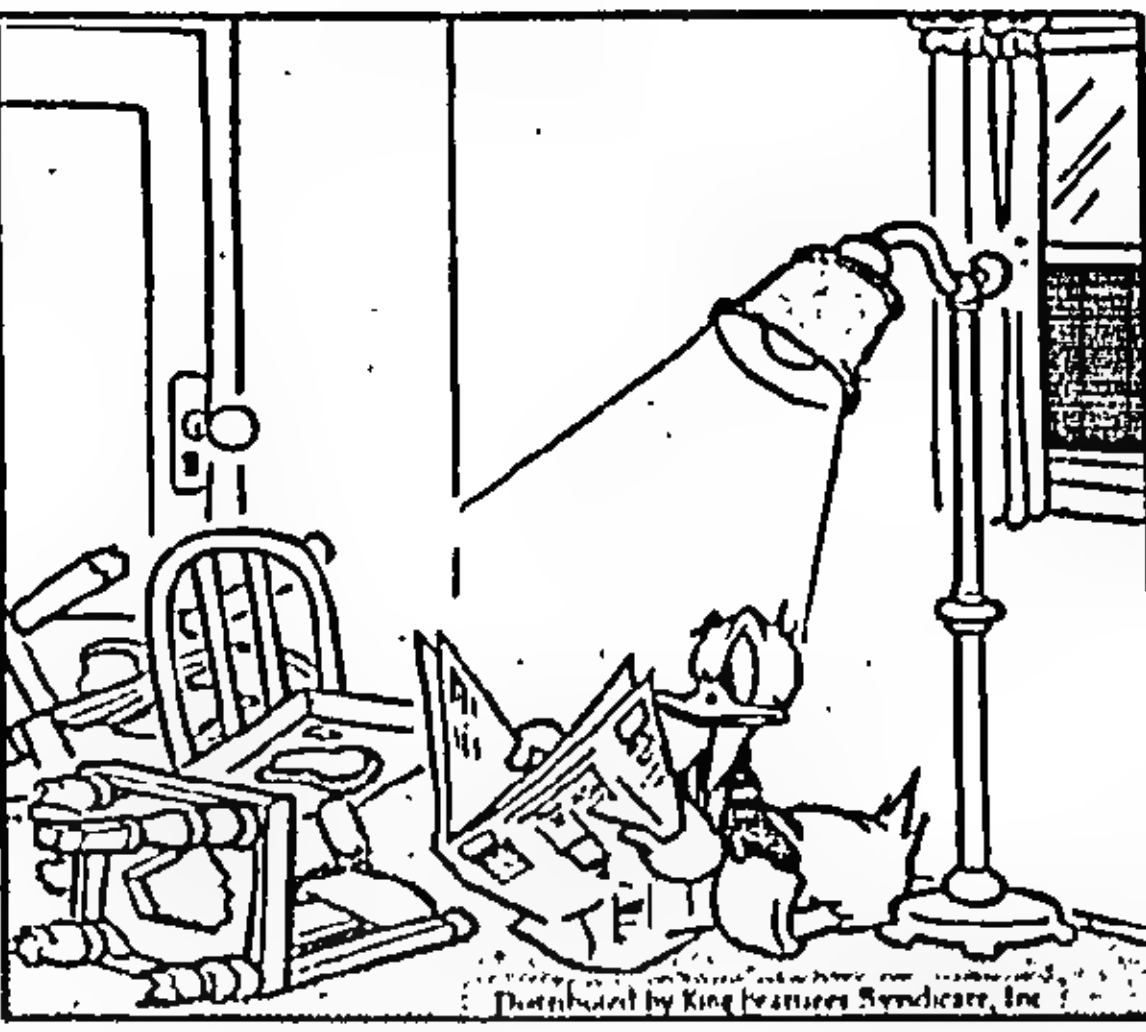
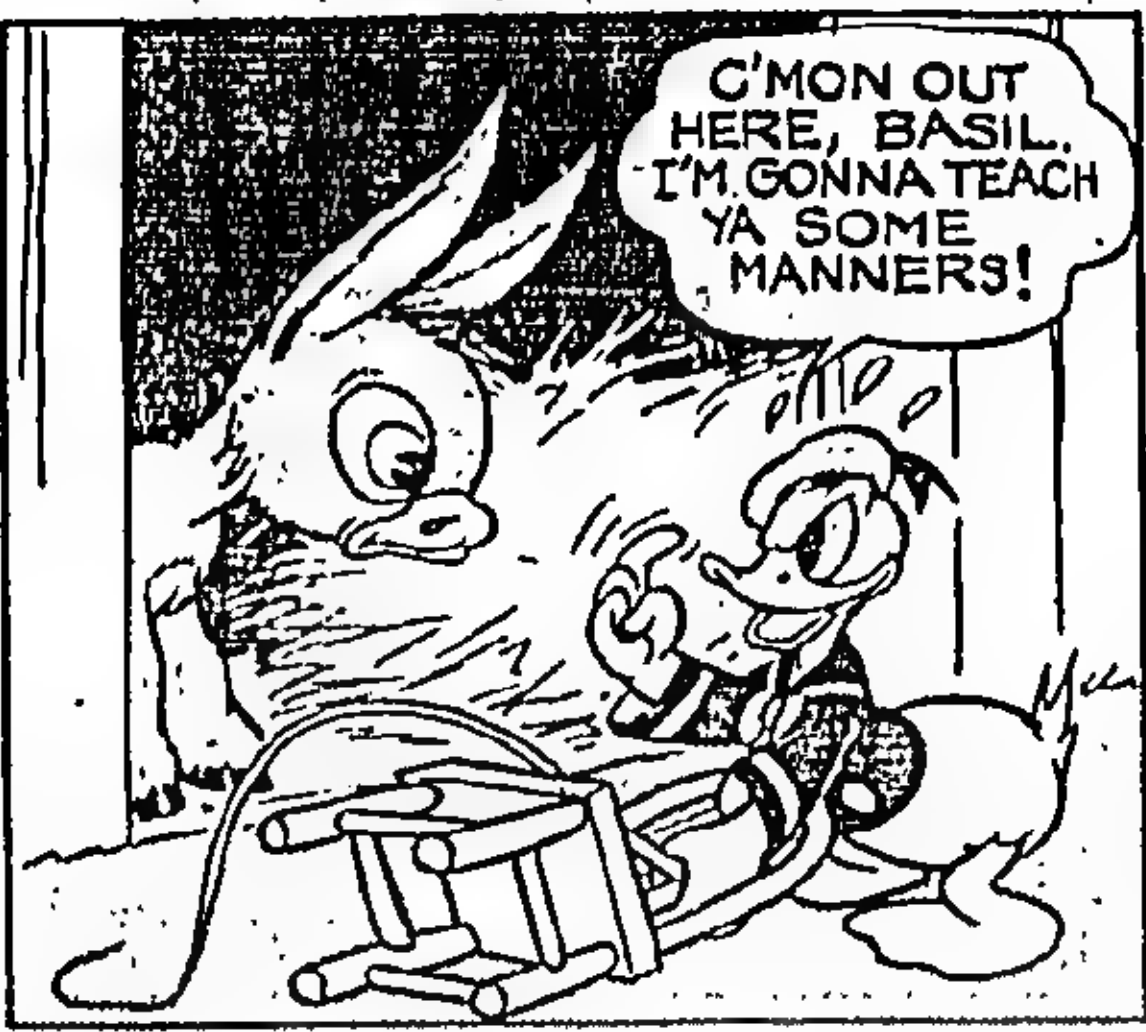
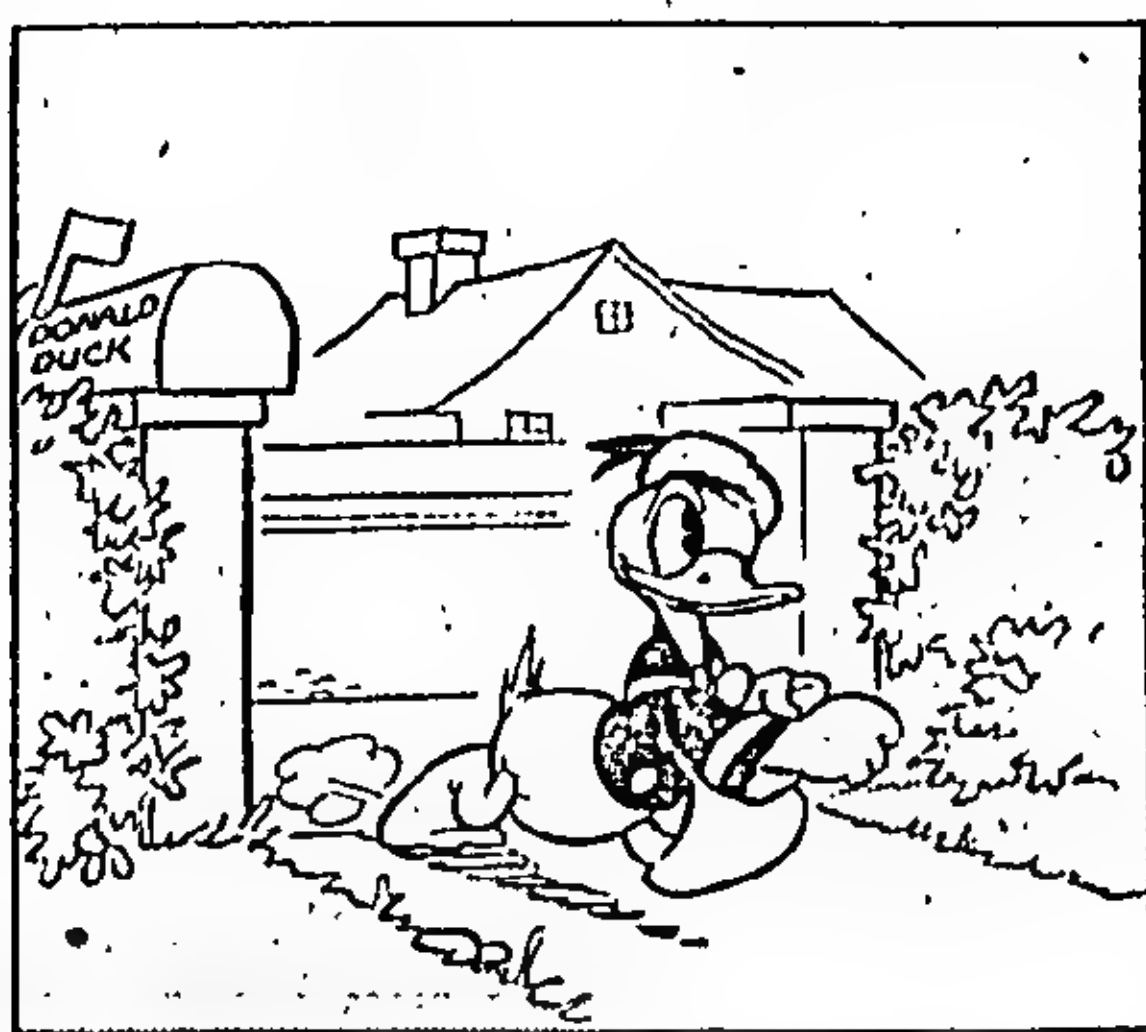
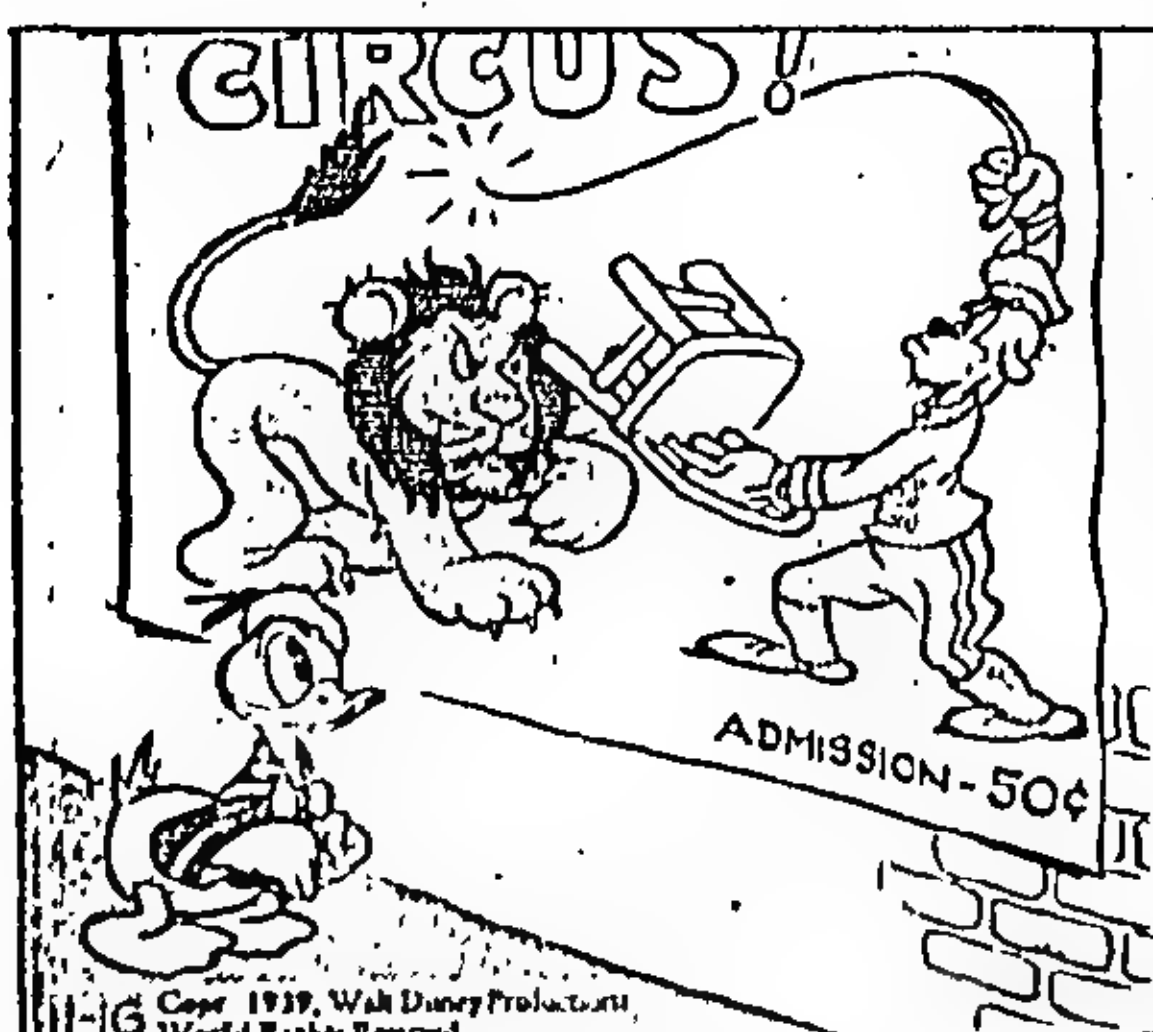
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U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Francisco date, 2nd December) Dec. 28.

Shanghai Dec. 28.
Sundsvan Dec. 28.
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Shanghai Dec. 28.
Japan and Shanghai Dec. 30.

Airmail by "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—London date 23rd Dec. Dec. 31.

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JAPANESE REPULSED

Indo-China Border Drive Collapses

CHUNGKING, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The Japanese attempt to reach the French Indo-China border by occupying Lungchow and Chengnankwan has ended in disaster, according to the Chinese reports received here.

These claim that in a big battle in the vicinity of Yashuhang on the highway to the Indo-China border, south of Lungchow, Chinese forces, after 24 hours of desperate fighting, have driven the Japanese back.

Heavy Casualties

The Japanese are reported to have lost over 1,000 dead and many more were wounded.

The same despatches reveal that Japanese infantry, artillery and cavalry units moved south-westward from Nanning over a week ago along the highway in the direction of Chengnankwan via the towns of Sulu, Szelei and Minkiang.

After reaching Minkiang, the Japanese column is said to have headed straight to the Indo-China border south of Lungchow.

The opinion is expressed here that the desperate drive of the Japanese towards Lungchow is aimed partly to reach Chengnankwan, an important terminus of the railway to Hanoi, and also partly to draw the Chinese forces away from an attack on Nanning.

In a statement, Chinese military authorities say that after a "crushing defeat" at Yashuhang, the Japanese are retreating eastward with the Chinese in hot pursuit.

PEARL RIVER RE-OPENED

The China Navigation Company has been notified by its Canton office that the Pearl River has been reopened to the usual limited British service.

The river was closed on December 17 and was to have remained closed until the end of the year. Its closure occurred only a week after permission had been granted for the fortnightly sailings of the Fatshan from Hongkong to be made weekly. The result was that the sailings had to stop altogether and one immediate departure cancelled.

The weekly sailings of the Fatshan will now be resumed early in the new year.

The closure on this occasion was limited to eight days. No explanation has been given.

BUSY CHRISTMAS FOR AIR PATROLS

LONDON, Dec. 26 (British Wireless).—The Air Ministry announces: "Throughout yesterday, although it was Christmas Day, the R.A.F. continued with unrelaxed vigilance their patrols covering our fishing fleets in the North Sea."

"Certain of our aircraft observed German patrol vessels in the eastern North Sea area. These vessels opened fire on our aircraft which took retaliatory bombing action. Hits were not observed and no damage was done to our aircraft."

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 27, 1889. One third of the deaths in the French Army are attributed to typhoid fever.

The first international match played in this colony for many years was commenced yesterday, Scotland opposing a combination falling from other parts of the empire. The World had a fairly representative and good all-round team, although no doubt it could have been materially strengthened. Scotland, on the other hand, whilst admittedly strong in batting, was considered to be weak both in fielding and change bowling.

The scores were: The World—First innings 120; Second innings 104. Scotland—First innings 133; Second innings 44.

25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 27, 1914. The Admiralty announces that seven naval warships, at daylight on Christmas Day, attacked German warships lying in the Schilling roads, off Cuxhaven. They were escorted by a light cruiser and a destroyer force, with submarines.

Two German Zepplins, four sea-planes and several submarines attacked the British squadron, whereupon a novel combat ensued, of most modern character against the enemy's aircraft and submarines.

In The Kaiser's New Year's Greeting, appearing daily in the "Telegraph"

10 YEARS AGO

Dec. 27, 1929. The visit to Hongkong of Mr. E. Phillips Oppenheim, the well-known fiction writer, who is amongst those making a world tour on the pleasure yacht, Stella Polaris, has been somewhat marred by the loss of a considerable sum of money.

The form of government under which Hongkong labour provides a little scope of the effective play of unofficial opinion that we cannot but regret any Government action which seems to treat as of small account the efforts of those who gratefully give much time and service to work connected with the administrative life of the Colony.

5 YEARS AGO

Dec. 27, 1934. The frontiers of the Saar will be closed at midnight and from that time onwards the only persons who will be allowed to enter the area will be those in possession of permits, properly signed by authoritative persons. The frontier will be closed until January 20.

The Governing Commission announces that it is taking this action with a view to excluding undesirable elements, which might cause trouble during the plebiscite, before or after it. Meanwhile, conditions remain quiet. There have been no indications that there will be need for intervention of the foreign troops on duty here.

"Le Journal" to-day states that Herr Hitler will publicly retract the passing in his autobiography "Mein Kampf" in which he declares that Germany must crush France as a step to prove the way to a resumption of diplomatic negotiations for solution of the present Franco-German disarmament impasse. He will make his retraction after the Saar plebiscite, the paper says.

SEVEN DIE IN PLANE CRASH

CASABLANCA, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—Seven bodies were recovered from the Italian plane which crashed into the sea off Morocco and burst into flames. The dead comprised four members of the crew and three journalists.



One of the male nurses who joined in the fun. He got a big hand for his female impersonations, which were generally voted to be "as good as you see at the music-halls."

NURSES, hospital students, cooks, and some of the casualties themselves combined forces to present the first concert for the British casualties from France who are now at a hospital in England. The event was an unqualified success, and one of the most popular features of the programme was community singing.



Smoking was allowed (above) and the audience didn't need telling twice!

American Army Budget Record

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (UP).—The army is prepared to ask Congress next month for U.S.\$1,650,000,000 as its share of a short-term \$3,000,000,000, defence expansion programme to insure the western hemisphere from attack, authoritative administration quarters have disclosed.

The tentative plan, which already has received approval of high congressional leaders, calls for an initial protective force of 600,000 men—largest in this nation's peacetime history—instead of the present maximum of 280,000 in the regular army and 236,000 in the national guard.

Under the plan, which is the companion to the navy's recently projected programme calling for expansion of its strength by addition of 95 light fighting ships, Congress would be asked for between \$750,000,000 and \$850,000,000 during the 1941 fiscal year.

Additional funds would be asked in subsequent years.

Transfer Of U.S. Ships

Government Permission Sought By Big Line

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (UP).—The United States Line has asked permission from the Federal Maritime Commission to sell eight ships of the Atlantic Transport Corporation to a Norwegian company.

They said if the sale was approved the ships would operate between New York, Liverpool and London. Previously they had sought to transfer the same ships to Panamanian registry.

Hitler's Tour Of Front Lines

BERLIN, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—In the course of its announcement of Hitler's Christmas with the troops on the Western Front, the official news agency says that on his tour to the hills of Spichern the Fuehrer crossed the frontier and promoted the captain commanding the sector to the rank of major. Hitler's whole tour was marked by promotions and presents to the troops.

Pitcairn Islanders Isolated by War

PANAMA CITY, Dec. 26 (UP).—Inhabitants of lonely Pitcairn Island, populated by several hundred descendants of the mutineers of the Bounty, have been cut off entirely from the outside world since the European War began.

Before the war British ships running to New Zealand and London via the Panama Canal

used to put into Pitcairn with supplies from New Zealand. Since the war, however, this practice has been abandoned, it was said, because of fear that German submarines are operating in the vicinity.

The present situation is not likely to work any hardships on the islanders, because they have abundant crops of fruits and vegetables as well as fresh meats.

MINES EXPLODE ON ISLAND

Thrill For Residents At Cheung Chau

Two mines exploded off the rocks at Cheung Chau Island on Christmas Eve. The first mine exploded about 600 yards south-east of the Cheung Chau Police station, causing some of the windows and plaster in the O.I.C.'s Quarters to fall off. The second mine exploded on the rocks north of the island. Neither of the mines were sighted before the explosion. No one was injured. Lt. Dallas, of the Anti-Piracy vessel Britannia, reports that a drifting mine was sunk by revolver fire about three fathoms south of Pine Tree Bay.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Sydney Gustard at the Organ. 12.43 Songs by King Crosby with Orchestral Accompaniment.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra. 1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Mozart—Concerto in D Major (Coronation). Wanda Landowska (Piano) with Chamber Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr.

2.15 Close down. 6.0 An hour of Dance Music.

7.0 Closing local Stock Quotations. 7.01 B.B.C. Recording—"The Heart of England." A Programme from the Midlands arranged and produced by Robin Wallworth.

7.30 London Relay—The News. 8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Classical Request Programme. "The Barber of Seville" Overture (Rossini). Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra of New York, cond. by Toscanini. Quarta O Quella ("Rigoletto" Verdi). Tito Schipa (Tenor). Overture "Merry Wives of Windsor" (Nicolai). The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult. Musetta's Waltz Song ("La Boheme" Puccini). Gene Moore (Soprano). Pappaloni Motion, Op. 11 (Paganini). Dance of The Goblins, Op. 25 (Bazzini). Yehudi Menuhin (Violin). Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2 (Liszt). Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski. Spanish Dance (Granados, arr. Casals). Vito (Spanish Dance) Op. 54, No. 5 (Popper). Pablo Casals (Cello). Movements Perpetuels (Foulen). Elude (Stravinsky). Benni Molsel-witsch (Piano). Onaway! Awake! Beloved ("Hawthorne" Coleridge). Tudor Dance (Eric Coates). London Bridge March (Eric Coates). New Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Joseph Lewis.

9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.25 Variety with: Sidney Torch. Al Bowlly, Ruth Etting and Others. Cinema Organ—I Want To Be Snappy—Medley, Sidney Torch.

Vocal—Violin In Vienna (Strauss-Dale), I Miss You In The Morning (Leslie-Durke), Al Bowlly with Orchestra. Instru. — Kylophonia (Green), Lady of Madrid (Damerell and Others), Joe Green (Xylophone and Others), and Milt Herz (Organ). Vocal—There's A Lull In My Life (from "Wake Up and Live"), It's Swell Of You (from "Wake Up and Live"), Ruth Etting, Piano—Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. D. 8. Intro: The greatest mistake of my life: Let us be sweethearts over again; Ten pretty girls; Moon at sea; No more you; Wake up and Live. Charlie Kunz. Saxophone—My Kingdom for a Kiss (from "Hearts Divided"), I have Lost My Heart In Budapest (Mihaly), Raymond Baird. Cinema Organ—Iring Berlin Memories. Intro: What's I do; Blue Skies; Always; How deep is the Ocean; Say it isn't so; The song is ended, Al Bollington. 10.15 Dance Music. 11.0 Close down.

CHRISTMAS CRIME

Nazi Torpedo Ends Ship Xmas Party

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—The British steamer, Stan-holme, 2,473 tons, was sunk without warning by a U-boat yesterday off the west coast with the loss of 14 lives. The ship had left port two hours earlier and the crew were celebrating Christmas below decks when a terrific explosion occurred. The ship began to sink immediately.

Died Saving Wife

The death roll includes the Chief Engineer, who was drowned through his efforts to assist his wife who was aboard. She was saved. The U-boat was sighted by a deck-hand too late for him to raise an effective alarm.

Two Submarines Sighted

One survivor declared that he saw two submarines and that they had no time to launch the life-boats. The crew jumped overboard. Some managed to get on to a small raft, from which they were later rescued.

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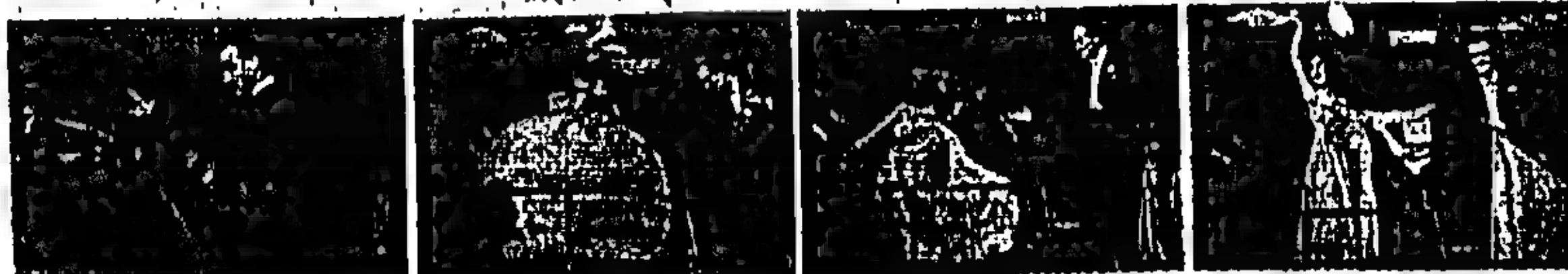
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to-morrow (Thursday).

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Over The Frontiers

THE opening weeks of past wars
have been times of immense public
excitement. Mad enthusiasm has
gripped people. The glories of war
and conquest have been sung by all
nations. Hatred and passion have
run flood high.

Not so with this war, upon which
we are now engaging all our forces,
from which we will not desist until
the day when the challenge to the
brotherhood of mankind is utterly
defeated.

Here is to be found neither ex-
citement, nor valour, nor hatred.
There is only a determination, calm
and imperturbable, to stand by the
cause which we have taken up, to
endure everything for it, sustained
by the faith that it is worth every
sacrifice.

That calmness, that clarity of
spirit, have their foundation in a
wide and perfect appreciation of
what it is for which we have freely
taken up arms.

The whole people knows that we
fight to keep alive in the world those
spiritual values which we call liberal
civilisation, and of which not Ger-
man, not the German people, but
Nazism is the sworn foe.

We know what we fight, and why
we fight.

We fight Hitlerism. We fight the
limitless persecution of the Nazi
system. We fight its denial of the
oneness of mankind. We fight its
cruelty and its perjury and insatiable
demand for the submission of all to
its authority.

That we know. And knowing, we
are unshakable.

The sinking of merchantmen at sea
has developed, as it did in the last
war, into acts of terror. The Nazi
Government has outraged the inter-
national agreement code which sought
to place some humanitarian restrictions
upon submarine warfare, and by
which Germany was bound.

Such an act horrifies the world.
Yet it does not surprise us here. We
know what Nazism is, we know that
we fight just because it is ruthless,
unscrupulous, and unclean.

We know that Nazism offered no
mercy to those free-minded Germans
who sought to withstand the enslave-
ment of their people to its terrible
purposes, but attacked them with
ferocious cruelty. We should be
fools if we expected the Nazi Gov-

DIARY OF A MOSCOW DAY

What is the everyday life of the Russian in the street like? Does he eat what we do and as much? Can he say what he thinks? How does he amuse himself? These are some of the questions the London News Chronicle asked a journalist recently returned from the U.S.S.R. In this article he describes a typical working day in Moscow

MY breakfast is ham and eggs and sour milk. You can, of course, get pasteurised milk delivered at the door, but I prefer it sour. And while I eat I note that my room is getting smaller as my library gets bigger. I have a growing need for that extra eight square metres of floor space that the law entitles me to as a writer.

So I send yet another application to the House Committee, the Moscow Soviet, the Building Co-operative, and write a letter to the "Pravda" denouncing the bureaucrats who are depriving me of vital space. At the same time I send a dinner invitation to Ivan Ivanovitch, whose cousin's brother-in-law is secretary of the Boiler Makers' Union, who are building a new department house on the Pokrovka. I am not a boiler maker, but I think that there is a chance of getting a boiler maker's room.

I GO to office by Metro. My own particular station is in red marble from the Urals and makes one of London's posh ten-houses look shabby by comparison. Opposite me in the train sits a stout young woman in a hat. Next to me is a collective farmer with his whole family obviously enjoying the thrill of underground travel for the first time. It appears that he got this Moscow trip as a prize for good harvesting.

His son takes notes of the magnificent stations we pass through. They will make a report of the trip when they return to the farm. Then the girl in the hat throws the silver-wrapping paper of her chocolate bar out of the window into the tunnel. There is a moment's pained silence. The train roars on.

"How uncultured!" says the farmer in a loud voice. "Why are you filling our tunnel up with waste paper, citizen?" The girl maintains a haughty disdain, but in a few moments the whole compartment has joined the conversation and, since it is a cold day, is soon heatedly discussing the pros and cons of filling tube tunnels with silver paper.

The girl, of course, should have apologised. "Yes, comrade, it's my thoughtlessness," but her obstinate silence evokes the final annihilating jibe: "Some sort of bourgeois wearing a hat!" She is obviously an anti-Soviet element and is probably related to an enemy of the people.

But since we are all in conversation we carry on with the latest events on the farm and shake our heads over the capitalists who are starting another war. The company, however, is somewhat consoled by the thought that the most probable result of war will be Soviet revolutions in several European countries.

Theatre Square Station, where I get out, is in black and white marble with indirect lighting from alabaster textured bowls set on pedestals. A Russian ballet setting. The streets and trams are

eminent to treat any differently those who now stand across its path. It is against Hitlerism we fight. And we have no quarrel save with those who would help to perpetuate its tyranny in Europe.

Because this is the issue, it transcends national frontiers. It transcends nationality itself. The fight against Hitlerism unites a brotherhood of faith, unites all who know that man's progress is bettering the human race, in cultivation of the arts of peace, depends upon the defeat of Hitler and the system he has created.

crowded and bustling as ever. Everyone is in a desperate hurry.

BY chance I get a lift from the editor, who has just received a car for his private use. He has also invested in a country cottage, and if he wasn't so busy, could lead a very comfortable suburban life. As it is, he works 12 or more hours a day. But he is in fine fettle just now because he passed with flying colours through all the party purges.

My seven-hour work day goes fast enough. Here the Press is as routine and hectic as abroad. But since there are no millionaires or aristocrats and not a single Russian capitalist or landlord from the Baltic to the Pacific there is no society news.

There are no football pools, and murders are back-page "fillers." So Government interpretations of the Party Line, "portraits of the leaders," production statistics, cultural notes and incisive foreign news reports from Tass (State news agency) take most of the space.

Feature display goes to the exploits of parachute jumpers, aviators, Polar expeditions and new cities founded in the desert or the taiga.

Story of the day, however, is our cub reporter, who has interviewed a famous American movie star (retired) and her baby boy husband, and asked: "When were you born?"

OFFICE work finished, I attend a trade union meeting to discuss wage rates. For the evening's amusement I have a choice of theatres, a cafe-supper and dance at the Moskva, or a really good dinner at the Astoria. In Moscow eating is as much a ritual as in Paris. In fact one of my earliest impressions of Russians was that they are always ready for the next meal, and it is the prevalence of this trait that has probably led to the myth of the always "starving Russians." True enough, bells were tightened during the first Five-Year Plan, but since 1934 ever larger quantities of borsch, schi (cabbage soup) and caviare are being consumed. Nowadays you only queue up for newspapers.

It is probable that, but for the



A MOSCOW STREET
"Everyone is in a desperate hurry"

war, free bread distribution under some rationing scheme would have begun in a few years, but I doubt if this would create much more of a furor in Moscow than would the opening of a new water main in some English town.

It would be a real sensation though, if the Moscow Co-operatives began selling a line of good silk stockings. Recently a Scottish tourist sold a pair of silk socks in Kiev, paid the difference on his tourist rail ticket and flew back to Moscow by luxury air liner. Air fares are about treble the tourist fare for this two-day train trip.

A fellow tourist from Lancashire is still trying to make up his mind whether Russian air travel is ridiculously cheap or whether socks are miraculously expensive.

THE question in Russia is not one of "Guns instead of butter or schools." It is "Guns instead of stockings." The sensible Russians—and they run the country—prefer to look plainly dressed and feel secure. There is a very real demand for finery though, and female Moscow (particularly the girls

from the ballet) contrives to look exceedingly chic on occasion.

After Schiaparelli, the U.S.A.'s ace dress designer, paid them a visit a few years ago, they built a special fashion salon with a stage for mannequin parades. At the same time the high price of good clothes is a powerful incentive to raising the productivity of labour, which is still relatively low. Wives egg on their shockbragade husbands to ever greater achievements to earn more money to buy them more dresses.

AND incidentally, contrary to expectations, socialism has reaffirmed the sanctity of the home and big families. Divorces are progressively expensive. The first one costs 50 roubles. The seventh is a luxury that only popular novelists can afford.

As a result Russia has a large and visibly increasing population. As an American friend put it: "Our train compartment had one Red Army man with a beautiful shaven head (Russians no longer admire beards, they like to be clean shaven all over), one Red sailor, one engineer from Turkestan and the usual pregnant woman."

I finally decide to spend my evening at the Park of Culture and Rest. Here I meet a group of English tourists who are listening to an open meeting on Nazi-Soviet relations addressed by a Red sailor. There is polite laughter when a tall lady in tweeds asks whether a Soviet Non-Aggression Pact with Nazi Germany means that Russia is going Nazi.

Somewhere around ten-thirty I return home. The day ends with a long argument with my housekeeper who lost her house in the revolution 25 years ago and is a staunch opponent of Stalin. She has never hesitated to criticise the Party Line. Stalin, Housing, the quality of State bread or Soviet morals.

IN public, of course, she is more subdued than among her friends. She was singularly uncommunicative during the Nazi-Trotskyite plots and spy scares of 1937, when the man downstairs was arrested and commissars came and went. But as internal conditions have again settled down she has resumed a spirited offensive.

Her grievance tonight is that the new Palace of the Soviets is going to be so tall—higher than the Empire State building—that the statue of Lenin on its top won't be seen for the clouds.

And having failed to convince her that life abroad is not nearly so perfect as her imagination paints it, I retire after a profitable day spent building socialism.

IN PRAISE OF WINTER

COLERIDGE did not like the winter. In a letter to Wordsworth he complains of the cold mornings, and says that as his life before the fire muffled in a great coat he finds it impossible to produce good work.

Such was not the case with Nathaniel Hawthorne. The author of "The Scarlet Letter" says that he owed his inspiration to the time when "the log roars on the hearth, when the casket rattles in the gust, and the sleety raindrops pelt hard against the window panes."

Literature owes much to winter. Had it always been summer we might never have read "Paradise Lost," for Milton could not compose during the bright months of June, July, and August.

This appears to be true of other great writers, who are loud in their praise of November and December as months in which it is easy to work. Though they wrote enthusiastically of spring, of "England now that April's here" of the summer rose, they are at one in informing us that creative work was best inspired during the dismal months.

Charms Of The Hearth
Here is Sydney Smith for example. "Never speak to me about summer. Summer has no charms for me. I look forward anxiously to the return of bad weather and blizzards!" Here is a quotation from Remy. He makes the point that in great

countries where the sun shines almost all the year round the literary output is practically negligible. "India, so prodigiously fecund in everything else, does not possess one single line of history. She has come down to our day without thinking really worth the trouble of being consigned to writing."

Another writer expresses a similar opinion concerning Egypt. "Ten thousand years have not sufficed to the Egyptian to produce a single writing of real literary worth."

National character is profoundly affected by climate. In Iceland, where it is winter nearly all the year round, the people are not only literary-minded, but the few authors of that country have produced works of outstanding merit. With all its sunshine, Ceylon has not given us an Eastern Ibsen, nor has Java produced a Hans Christian Andersen.

Lotus Eaters

It may be stretching a point or committing logical fallacy, but lands where winter has its innings for many months of the year give the world its greatest writers and readers. There is more than fanciful poetry in Tennyson's "Lotus Eaters." In lands where "it is always afternoon" there is a marked lack of great poetry and prose.

Another point. English winters have given our poets much material for great work. Go through the "classics." We are familiar with "balmy breezes, nightingales, cuckoos,

and young love in the spring. The fact is, however, that much of our great poetry deals with the praise of winter.

For example, here is Keats writing in November:—"Where are the songs of spring? Ay, where are they? Think not of them, thou hast thy music too."

So have thought most of our great poets.

The writer who has done more to immortalise winter than any other expressed his great secret once when a friend presented him with a worked table-centre in drawn threadwork depicting three seasons—spring, summer, and autumn.

"But where?" inquired Charles Dickens. "Is winter?"

On being informed that winter had been omitted, as a gloomy design would have spoiled the brightness of the work, the author of "A Christmas Carol" replied, "A year without winter would be gloom indeed."

It was his love of the winter fire-side that made him the author par excellence of the home life of our people. Without the winter could Dickens have so excelled? Had he been an Indian, could he have given us that memorable picture of David Copperfield at his own fireside?

Let another writer answer. "Aids has no home." But then, Aids has no winter to speak of.

Arthur T. Rich.

OBITUARY

DIED IN SLEEP

Late Mr. Ulderup Here For 40 Years

Mr. J. P. Ulderup, member of a family whose name has been known in the Far East for over a century, died peacefully in his sleep at the Hongkong Club on Tuesday night.

His death was discovered by his room-brother at breakfast time this morning. The quiet disposition of his body suggested that he had died in the attitude in which friends had left him resting on the previous night.

Mr. Ulderup was principal of the firm of Ulderup & Company, Ice House Street which dealt mainly in ship's machinery. For about two months he had been complaining of heart trouble and was under treatment.

Though 65 years of age, he had persisted in taking a walk to the Peak almost daily—an exercise which, his friends warned him, might place a grave stress on his heart.

Arrived Here In 1897

Mr. Ulderup arrived in Hongkong from Denmark 42 years ago to join the Scottish-Oriental Line as Chief Engineer. He subsequently joined Norddeutscher Lloyd, which he left to take a shore position with Macdonald & Company at Bowington Canal. He was with them for about 10 years.

In partnership, he conducted a machinery business in Canton before 1933, when he went home with his wife, who had to remain there because of illness. Returning to Hongkong, Mr. Ulderup worked with Jensen & Company, but left the firm soon afterwards to open the business in which he was engaged at the time of his death.

While Mr. Ulderup's travels were most intense in the Far East, during his life he visited, he claimed, every country in the Northern Hemisphere. In China he was well known and liked, being especially popular in shipping circles, with which his work naturally associated him.

He was a member of the Hongkong Club, where he had resided since his wife went home, and was Vice-President of the Engineers and Shipbuilders' Institute. He was also a member of the Institution of Naval Architects.

Mrs. Ulderup, who is a Finn, was in Hongkong when the present Finland war broke out and is now a refugee in Stockholm. The couple have no children.

The late Mr. Ulderup's funeral will pass the Monument to-morrow at 5 p.m.

Popular Y.M.C.A. Official Dies

China and the Chinese, especially those connected with Y.M.C.A. activities throughout the country, lost an old friend on December 24 when Mr. Edward H. Munson, a secretary of the National Committee of the Y.M.C.A., died suddenly at Kungming.

Mr. Munson had been travelling in the interior of China and was en route to Kungming.

Born in Cherokee, Iowa, U.S.A., on October 15, 1887, the late Mr. Munson graduated from Grinnell College with honours and went to China as a member of the international staff of the Y.M.C.A.

His first post was in Foochow, and under his leadership there developed one of the strongest units of the Y.M.C.A. in China.

Later he was assigned to national work with special responsibility for the Y.M.C.A. in South China and Hongkong. At various times he was in charge of the speaking tours of Dr. Sherwood Eddy, Dr. Stanley Jones and others.

In his younger days, he was an outstanding tennis player and was the winner of many tournaments. He was a member of Rotary and the Masonic Order, being Past Master of the Foochow Lodge, No. 1512, E.C., and was a charter member of the Foochow Y's Men's Club.

Known to a wide circle of prominent men in the political and business life of China, the late Mr. Munson was admired by all who knew him for his judgment and unselfish devotion to duty.

He is survived by a widow, two sons and a daughter.

TO MARRY IN HONGKONG

MANILA, Dec. 27 (UP).—Miss Joan Sibbald and Mr. Richard C. Deane are flying to Hongkong by Clipper on January 2. They will be married upon arrival.

Both are well known members of Manila's British community, with many friends in Hongkong and Shanghai.

JAPAN'S RESOURCES AT LOW EBB

TOKYO, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—"The urgent necessity of effecting stabilisation in East Asia by replenishing Japan's national resources in the face of the extremely complex international situation" was stressed by the Emperor in his speech from the Throne to the Diet.

His Majesty expressed satisfaction with the growing friendly relations between Japan and the countries with which she had treaties and added that he was gratified at the fighting services progress in China.

THE KING'S BROADCAST MYSTERY

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—Much interest and curiosity has been aroused regarding the origin of the authorship of the quotation with which the King concluded his Christmas broadcast.

A number of literary authorities, including the poet laureate, Mr. John Masefield, were approached and declared that they had no knowledge of the author.

The mystery is partly solved by Mrs. J. C. M. Allen, of Bristol, who states: "The quotation was found on a post-card among a dead man's effects. I don't know who wrote the original. I sent the quotation in a letter to the 'Times' in the dark days of September as a message of encouragement, and I presume the King must have seen it."

The quotation was as follows:

"I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year—Give me light so that I may tread safely into the unknown. And he replied:—Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light."

THE POPE GRATIFIED

Cordial Message To Pres. Roosevelt

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (UP).

His Holiness the Pope has instructed the Apostolic Delegate, M. Cicognanni, to assure President Roosevelt that the newly appointed personal Ambassador to the Vatican, Mr. Myron Taylor, will be cordially received.

A letter written in similar strain was sent to the President by Dr. George A. Butterick, President of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

"Has Brought Great Joy"

In a letter to Archbishop Spellman, the Apostolic Delegate said: "The President's message has brought great joy to the heart of the Holy Father, inspired by such noble sentiments and containing such high hopes for spiritual and civil benefits in the cause of peace."

He further stated that His Holiness the Pope desired to make a personal and official reply to President Roosevelt. Meanwhile he has instructed Mr. Cicognanni to express his sincere gratitude to the President and to assure him that his representative will be cordially received in a manner befitting the highly important mission entrusted to him.

Pope's Invocation

"The Holy Father invokes the Heavenly assistance of Almighty God on the occasion of Christmas upon the President of the United States and the whole American nation," the letter said.

President Roosevelt has invited Dr. Butterick and Rabbi Cyrus Adler, President of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America to confer with him to-morrow.

Appointment Welcomed

The Secretary to the White House, Mr. Stephen Early, to-day said that President Roosevelt had received 400 telegrams during the weekend regarding Mr. Myron Taylor's appointment to the Vatican.

Only four of them criticised the President's action. Referring to these four, Mr. Early said: "They are apparently written by the assumption that the appointment means diplomatic recognition of the Vatican. A few protests have been received due to lack of understanding of the President's motives. There is no intention, and there has not been any such intention, for the appointment to lead to the restoration of diplomatic relations."

Mr. Early also said the decision will be made this week as to whether the United States Ambassador to Belgium, Mr. Joseph E. Davies, will resign and enter the State Department as special advisor on international problems regarding Russia and Central Europe.

AUSTRALIAN AIRMEN IN ENGLAND

Civic Reception Following Disembarkation

LONDON, Dec. 26 (British Wireless).—Men of the first squadron of the Royal Australian Air Force to arrive in England since the outbreak of war were received with a civic welcome by the Mayor at their port of landing this morning.

They are fully trained and represent all branches of the service, but before going on active service, they will undergo further training in England. They will be attached to an R.A.F. Squadron but will retain their Australian identity.

Wing Commander W. V. Lachal, who is in command of the Squadron, was among those who met the men on their arrival.

Welcomed by Air Commodore. Air Commodore T. E. B. Howe, in welcoming them on behalf of the British Air Minister said: "We have all been greatly impressed in this country with the ready response which Australia has made to the Empire Air Training Scheme and also the part she is taking in the production of aircraft independently of the home country."

The Air Commodore also conveyed a cordial welcome on behalf of the air officer commanding-in-chief of the Coastal Command.

High Commissioner's Message. Wing Commander Lachal read to the men a message from the Australian High Commissioner in which he said:

"Your safe arrival has given great pleasure, both in Great Britain and Australia. You are the representatives of an air force which has already established for itself an honourable position, in which you are called upon to perform and in which you are associated with the Royal Air Force. You will, I know, maintain that tradition."

The message from the Australian Air Minister read:

"Great responsibility rests upon you. You will be comrades in a great and just campaign with the men of the R.A.F. and Australia is confident that you will play your part in whatever sphere you may be called upon to serve."

"The people of Australia will follow your activities with the keenest interest and will look forward to your safe return when your task is done. May the best of good fortune attend you in this enterprise!"

Married Beat Singles At Craigengower

THE MARRIED MEMBERS of the Craigengower C.C. beat the bachelors by 66 runs in their annual cricket match played yesterday. Substantial knocks by the first four married batsmen enabled them to declare at 199 for 5 wickets.

Only G. Winch (28) and F. R. Zimmerman (24) reached double figures for the bachelors, and they were all out for 113.

The scores were: Married—199 for 5 wickets, dec. (H.P. Lim 58 not out, A. R. Esmail 55, W. Hong Shing 22 and T. Lock 22 (4) Zimmerman 2 for 39, G. Winch 2 for 56).

Singles—113 (G. Winch 26, F. R. Zimmerman 14, W.K. Way 3 for 14, A. B. Hanson 2 for 7, J. W. Leonard 1 for 0, A.K. Ismail 2 for 12, B.R. France 2 for 20).

Century First Wicket Partnership At K.C.C.

AN OPENING partnership of 140 between V. Mulcahy (90) and D. N. Anderson (93) featured the intra-club cricket match at the Kowloon C.C. yesterday. The teams were only eight strong, but Mr. V. Mulcahy's XI totalled 258, to which Mr. E. O. Fincher's XI replied with 142, of which N. A. E. Mackay scored 66.

The scores were: Mulcahy's XI—258 (V. Mulcahy 90, D. N. Anderson 93, S. A. Gray 28, R. Baldwin 28), Fincher's XI—N. A. E. Mackay 66, D. Hung 20, Baldwin 2 for 30).

COPING WITH RICE PROBLEM

SHANGHAI, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The Peoples Food Re-Adjustment Federation established by the civic leaders, supported by bankers, to cope with the rice shortage and profiteering has elected many prominent Shanghaianders to various committees.

Twenty members, including Mr. G. E. Mitchell, Mr. W. J. Kewick, Mr. Chen Tsun-yi and Sir Calder Marshall are elected members of the Standing Committee while 34 others, including Mr. Yuan Lee-tung and Mr. Tien Tsia-ling are appointed to the Advisory Committee.

Mr. Yu Yu-ching, Mr. Wang Yu-ching and Mr. Hsu Chi-ching are elected members of the Purchasing Committee.

The Shanghai Rice Guild has pledged full co-operation.

CONTACT UNITS ACTIVE

PARIS, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—Today's communiqué states that there was activity of contact units.

Hongkong C.C. Beat Army

(By "R. Abbit")

(Continued from Page 6.)

form, bowled Baanquet with a beauty which the batsman only just touched. 202—3—4.

McLellan joined Kilbee who seemed pretty comfortable though he was lifting them a bit when he hit out. At this period Harvey had taken four wickets for five runs since the interval.

THREE HUNDRED. HOWEVER, Kilbee and Mac. got at his feet over and sent up the three hundred, a score that one does not often see hoisted here. Pearce then declared, with Kilbee not out 15 and McLellan not out seven.

Three hundred and one for eight made in 141 minutes. Harvey took 6 wickets for 56 in 15 overs.

THE ARMY BAT. MCELLEAN opened the bowling from the Yard end at 2.41 p.m. and in his first over, when four runs had been scored, Webb hit one hard in the gully and John Pearce made an excellent catch which as far as I could see finished in his arm-pit! 4—1—3.

Further trouble came as Murphy played back a bit too soon for one of McLellan's, and the ball propped up to give Fortescue an easy catch. 6—2—1.

Mac. was bowling quite a bit faster than usual. Incidentally the Club were fielding a couple as Fay was, I understand, unable to play through illness.

Gros was batting well though at times Perry worried him.

GODBY'S LUCK. IN McLellan's third over, his last ball was a shocking long hop, but Godby did not get hold of it and put it to square leg. Richardson had to run, and take the ball with his back turned to the line of flight and he failed to hold it.

It is a most difficult type of catch, but Godby's good fortune is proverbial. In his next over Gros drove McLellan off, and took a successive ball to the boundary through the big gap between the bowler and wide mid-off. Then came two maiden overs, but Gros got a two and a four off Perry's next, though he was treating him with great respect.

Then at 37, when the batsmen seemed to be settling down, Gros tried to turn McLellan to leg and was bowled. 11. w. 37—3—24. A disaster for the Army.

CHANGE OF BOWLING. LOGAN came in and things went on quietly, Godby punishing any thing loose. Alce Pearce's bowling over the wicket vice Perry. Four byes sent the 50 up in 51 minutes.

McLellan then went round the wicket and Godby snicked one between his legs and the wicket for four. He was, however, playing very good cricket, and took a couple of good catches.

Alce Pearce's second over. McLellan was kept on with his leg trap, but he had bowled ten overs and it was a mistake in my opinion. The Club had so many runs that they could have afforded to risk some new spinner.

Major Harvey came in and off-drove his first ball for four sending up the hundred. The last 50 had come in 24 minutes. Just after, Godby was missed off Alce Pearce at long on by the substitute whose good fielding had been excellent. It would have been a good catch.

About this time "R. Abbit" was reproved by the scorer for reciting Tennyson's "Brook."

This was in McLellan's thirteenth over when Godby completed his fifty. He was immediately after dropped at backward short leg off a very hot chance. He was, however, caught by Kilbee off T. A. Pearce at backward short leg at 125 after scoring 52. (125—3—52).

A CHANCE! AFTER 6 overs T. A. Pearce gave away to his brother who proceeded to get Harvey and Denyer at 152 and 153 respectively. The first was bowled by a ball which pitched on the base of his middle stump, while the latter was somewhere near mid-on when the ball reached his wicket.

Had these two hitters remained there might have been some excitement, but it was not to be. Seven were down for 153 runs. Whatman and Riddell were left to carry on.

AFTER PERRY bowled three overs, a formidable McLellan returned at the Yard end whence he had already bowled 10 overs at a stretch. The two batsmen, both left handed, had been putting up a stand of some thirty runs, and off breaks—leg to them—seemed indicated.

Whatman was lucky to edge him.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

Hongkong Hotel Has Record Crowds

Hongkong celebrated the Christmas week-end with gusto. A tour of the Colony on Christmas Eve revealed that the war has made little difference in 1939. This was not the case during Christmas week of 1914, when, according to the 25-year-old files of the "Telegraph," the festivities were notable for their quietness.

The Colony's cinema houses did heavy business, particularly last night.

The programme at the King's Theatre is notable for the inclusion of two excellent news-reels, one of which gives a dramatic portrayal of the siege and surrender of Warsaw.

First pictures of the lighting on the Western Front are also included. Each of the four major hotels—the Hongkong Hotel, the Peninsula Hotel, the Regency Hotel and the Gloucester, were attended by record crowds.

In the case of the Hongkong Hotel on Saturday and Sunday nights the bookings were so heavy that it became necessary to open the Roof Garden for cocktails.

The Hardest Workers

The hardest workers in the Colony during the week-end were June West and Kay, Mignone and the Six Griggs. Those who, in addition to entertaining patrons at the Griggs, crossed the harbour to give exhibitions at the Peninsula Hotel.

As usual Mignone, the demure and graceful ballerina, gave a superlative exhibition, her three numbers including the popular Doll Dance.

The Plaza Boys and the Duo Fossiano provided the entertainment at the Gloucester Hotel, where they have opened an extended season.

clean over the heads of three slips for four. But in his next over he got a good one past Riddell who had played very steadily. 192—8—18. The stand had put on 39 runs.

THE END

WITH Lawrence in, McLellan set out his field with four men on the boundary between long on and backward square leg, though it meant a big change over when Whatman got the bowling. Lawrence sent the 200 up at 5.01 p.m. with an on drive off John Pearce. But at 208 he was bowled by McLellan with a ball that just chipped the leg stump and made the ball drop.

It looked as if it might have come back off the stump's gloves. The batsman appealed, but the umpire ruled him out. Two balls later off grand ball beat and bowled Sayers. The Club had won by 83 runs.

A grand game.

Reflections

THE Club batting had done excellently against rather poor bowling. Alce Pearce's innings was a joy to watch, and Perry had some cheerful shots.

The Army batting did none too badly against a mediocre attack. If it had not been for McLellan, whose Marathon performance of 115—2—78—7 was magnificent, they might well have drawn or even lost the game.

In Mac's last spell he bowled 3.5 overs for 9 runs and three wickets. I still maintain, however, that he should have been rested earlier, and that John Pearce should have gone on. The switch of ends could have been arranged easily enough.

FIELDING

The fielding on the whole was very fair. No sitters were put down though Richardson put down two that he would have caught nine times out of ten. Gros kept wicket excellently for the Army, and most of the byes he let go were off balls which no wicket-keeper should be asked to take.

Fortescue was adequate but he was a little at sea with John Pearce's leg breaks bowled to a left hand batsman.

NEW YEAR

I UNDERSTAND that on Saturday 1 December 30 and Monday January 1, the Club will meet a Free Foresters' eleven consisting of Col. Teverham, Major Stewart, Major Kirby, Capt. Mann, Capt. Gros, Capt. Vedon, Capt. Skipworth, Capt. Godby, Major Harvey, A. E. Perry and D. McLellan.

The two latter are playing in their qualifying match. It is universally regretted that H. R. D. Hancock, the former F.F. in the Colony, is not well enough to take part in the game. H. Owen Hughes will not be back in time.

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SCOTLAND WIN DESULTORY MATCH

England Defeated 2-0: Schoolboy Prominent In Forward Line

(By "Rox")

EXCEPT FOR INTERMITTENT thrills, the Scotland-England International football match played at the Hongkong Club ground yesterday was a tame affair, and ended in an easy win for Scotland by two goals to nil. The game bordered on desultory, its redeeming features being the splendid goal-keeping of Duncan, the Scottish custodian, and an excellent display by Ferrier, Hossack and Pryde of short passing, which seemed to have had the England defence at sixes and sevens.

Bright played one of his worst games this season and after the first few exchanges the English side fell completely away to allow the Scots to do almost as they pleased.

Duncan gave one of his finest performances to date, and appeared to have full confidence in his backs. When he was left to face the English attack alone, he came through with flying colours, having point blank shots from Fowler, and going full length to the same player and Thoburn.

Blackburn and Bone were a tower of strength and showed an understanding that is seldom seen amongst backs in this Colony. Bone had the full measure of Fowler and prevented this player from ever being really dangerous. Blackburn, faced with a tricky left wing combination, acquitted himself creditably, so much so that Saw and Thomas appeared to be subdued.

Williamson gave his finest as an attacking pivot, and was given excellent support by his wing halves, McEwen and Clarke had the situation, from the start, well in hand, but were wise not to relax their vigilance.

BRILLIANT SCHOOLBOY

THE forwards were a delight to watch, especially Ferrier, Hossack and Pryde. Their passing very often left the English defence spread-eagled. Pryde's youth (he is only a schoolboy), and inexperience did not seem to weigh very much on his shoulders, and he carried himself well and was seldom robbed of the ball. Ferrier played much the same type of football as the former, and allied Hossack with many opportunities for running through and scoring. The two wingers were given hardly anything to do, but when they were called upon responded gallantly. Munro was the better of the two, his fine runs down the field, and his centring being a treat to watch. Tait was starved in the second half, and much was not seen of this player throughout.

Robinson was very shaky and did not seem to recover. He executed some brilliant saves but never appeared his usual self. The English goal, which was not at all his fault, seemed to brood over it and had a preoccupied appearance.

Roughly was the better of the two backs, Hendy was inclined to allow his man too much rope, attempting to dispossess him rather than race for the ball. Roughly took his charge more seriously, so much so that Ferrier thought it wise to apparently ignore Tait and suddenly to send him a pass, but Roughly was not to be caught napping and Ferrier desisted.

AN OFF DAY

BRIGHT seemed to have had an off day and never settled down. Wilkinson was easily the best of the halves. He alone seemed to have sized up the situation well, and did his level best against Pryde, who was a richer, and his tactics seemed to meet with success on quite some few occasions, but he was inclined to do the opposite of what he should do, being up when he should have been down and vice versa.

The forward line, with the possible exception of Fowler and Thoburn, was a complete wash-out. Gardner, the third division player of Hongkong Electric, found representative matches a task, and, besides, was not in his accustomed position at centre-forward. He never really got going, and when he did was always robbed of the ball. Thoburn worked very hard and deserved a goal at least, but his poor shooting was to the Scots' advantage. Fowler was a trier, and he, too, deserved goals. His fault lies in that he does not realise he has a strong kick, and invariably tips the ball a slight too hard, losing it to an opponent. Saw was never seen to advantage, and was averse to trying for goal and sending Fowler too much.

ENGLAND KICK-OFF

SCOTLAND won the toss and chose to play with the sun behind them. England's initial attack petered out for Scotland to bring the ball up. Pryde and Hossack inter-passing for the former to hit the side of the net with a delay cutler. Robinson was dodging difficulty with the sun in his eyes, and so were defenders, Roughly and Hendy. Bright tried from about 20 yards out for Duncan to let over. Ferrier started a movement down the left side, inter-passing with Pryde and Hossack, but the latter slide and Roughly cleared. From the clear-

ance Fowler tried a solo run and tested Duncan with a hard drive.

Fowler again broke through, and when on the point of shooting Duncan dived at his feet and he was forced to jump over him, and the ball was cleared with Fowler and Saw in close attendance. The game flagged somewhat with much midfield play, the half backs being much in evidence. Williamson was forcing Bright back and succeeded well.

SCOTLAND SCORE

WILLIAMSON sent Ferrier off with a lovely sweeping pass. Ferrier ran some way and passed to Pryde who took a snap shot at goal. Robinson jumped for it, but the glare from the sun caused him to misjudge the flight of the ball with the result that it hit his left shoulder twisted out and went spinning into the net. This reverse did not seem to provoke England to any special efforts and Scotland seemed inclined to let matters lie.

Play brightened up a little, but a half-hearted manner of going about things featured the English side's play. Munro completed a nice run down the line, and from his centre Ferrier headed for Robinson to collect, fumbling badly. Munro came up again and sent in another fine centre, this time Tait attempted to head the low shot, and only succeeded in losing his balance as he lunged for meeting the ball for it to hit the cross bar and rebounded into play for Roughly to clear strongly.

A free kick was given against Ferrier for obstruction, and Bright sent Fowler off. He collided with Bone, and Gardner failed to follow up the advantage, kicking the ball against Duncan's knee. Fowler sent Gardner off, and from the centre Thoburn skied the ball after tricking Bone, and having only the goal-keeper to beat. The game slowed down considerably till half time.

ONE-SIDED PLAY

FROM the resumption the Scots asserted themselves and did pretty much what they liked with the defence all excepting Roughly. From a breakaway pass by Williamson, Munro centred for Tait to miss a nice header. Hossack ran through from a pass from Pryde, but his left kick went yards out. Fowler brought Duncan to his knees soon after this. Fowler was trying very hard for the equaliser, and in one of his efforts a penalty was given for obstruction, but he failed miserably with a very bad shot.

Another free kick was given for obstruction, and Bright came very near with a hard drive.

Scotland put matters beyond any question of extra time when Pryde sent Hossack through with a fine pass. Hossack ran in between the two backs. Robinson ran out to challenge him and the ball was lobbed over his head into the empty goal.

Scotland pressed hotly after this and forced England to play on the defensive. Ferrier tested Robinson with a nice low drive which Robinson had to go full length to save. The whistle blew as the corner kick was being taken.

Cash Sweep Winners At Fanling

The following were the winning cash sweeps numbers at the Fanling races yesterday:

RACE 1
No. 723 655.77
No. 107 187.41
No. 729 93.72
Unplaced ponies (\$25 each): No. 1032.
Number of tickets sold, 1204.

RACE 2
No. 666 \$1,208.09
No. 95 344.77
No. 1042 120.20
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 137.
Number of tickets sold, 1167.

RACE 3
No. 428 1,231.40
No. 974 300.40
No. 272 120.20
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 128, 272, 1102.
Number of tickets sold, 1250.

RACE 4
No. 644 \$1,208.09
No. 811 300.40
No. 1178 120.20
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1178, 1102, 1278.
Number of tickets sold, 1123.



Blackburn (Scotland) coming across to intercept the oncoming England forwards with Duncan on the ground after having saved. Scotland won the International soccer match yesterday by two goals to nil.—Hec Cheung.

HONGKONG C.C. BEAT ARMY

Alec Pearce Scores Brilliant Century

(By "R. Abbit")

THOUGH I HAVE WATCHED these Christmas matches for many years, and even played in them longer ago than I care to think about, I cannot recall a more perfect day than Tuesday. The wicket seemed in excellent order, and the Club were fortunate to go in first.

Richardson and Fortescue opened to Godby and Ratcliffe. The former's first ball apparently stuck in his hand and lay just in front of him. Apparently it did not count as a delivery as he picked it up and the umpire gave eight balls after without calling "no-ball." I should have thought the batsman was entitled to go down the pitch and play the ball. Possibly it was a form of Christmas truce.

As a matter of fact Godby could not find a length, and Fortescue profited by it. Ratcliffe bowled very steadily and kept Richardson quiet.

over from Denyer they took 22, Pearce getting eighteen of them, including a lovely square six into the first floor verandah of the New Oriental Building.

He completed his fifty in 38 minutes. Some idea of pace of the scoring can be gathered from the fact that the first hundred came in 53 minutes, and the next fifty in 17 minutes!

A PAUSE—THEN MORE

Murphy, a slow left-hander, went on for Denyer at the Yard end, and slowed things up a bit. He bowled much better than at the Law Courts end, conceding only ten in his first two overs as against thirty previously. Perry by now was well in the picture. Apart from a bad mischievous shot over the bowler's head, which long field got his fingers to but could not retain, he batted really well, and his hooking of Swyers was magnificent.

When 184 was up, 91 runs had been put on in 38 minutes. Perry completed his 50 in 43 minutes, and Pearce sent up his own ninety with a perfect extra cover drive. It is true the bowling asked for a good tonking, but the artistry of his shots was delightful to watch. He seemed to put the ball in the most gentle way, and it was at the boundary before the eye could follow it, and all along the carpet.

THE STAND ENDS

THEN at 214 the stand came to a most unexpected close as Perry played forward quite gently to Murphy and missed it. Grosse swept off the balls and he was out, though he did not make any effort to move his foot, back 214—3—60. As an uncommonly good knock. The third wicket had put on 121 in 40 minutes.

A GLORIOUS CENTURY

ALEC PEARCE completed his century in 78 minutes—he had hit sixteen fours and a six at this time. Moreover he appeared likely to get more.

His first bad shot was a tremendous off drive which was dropped near the big score board, on the rails—a very hard chance. To celebrate his escape he off drove a 6 and plunked the next into the pavilion seats, but missed a full toss dangerously near backward point, and later skied one to midwicket which the fielder could not get at. But you can't hit all of them all the time, and he hit one round with the break and was very well caught at deep mid wicket. 252—4—126. He scored his runs in 80 minutes, and had hit 18 fours and two sixes.

TIFFIN SCORE

RIDE came in and though there were no fireworks he and John Pearce by no means neglected scoring, and at tiffin the score stood at 267 scored in 115 minutes.

AFTER TIFFIN

The game was resumed very punctually at 2.02 p.m., and Harvey bowled at the Yard end. John Pearce scored a single and then Ride lashed out at one on the off and was well caught at the wicket 268—5—12. Ratcliffe bowled at the other end, and, watching him through the glasses, he seemed to get his foot up before he delivered the ball every time. The umpire did not agree so I suppose next over Harvey got going and had Gillespie caught at the wicket 274—6—5, and a run later bowled John Pearce's off stump 276—7—10.

Kilbee then came in, but a few runs later Harvey, who seemed to be bowling far above his previous PLEASE Turn To Page 5.

Far Eastern Shot Put Record

MANILA, Dec. 18 (UP).—Walter Loving, jun., of the University of the Philippines, yesterday shattered the Far Eastern and also the Philippines records for the shot put when he heaved the iron ball 43 ft. 6 1/2 in., breaking the former record set by A. Abe of Japan, of 42 ft. 4 1/16 in.

Golf

Competitions At The Country Club

THE FOLLOWING were the results of the quarter-final round matches in the Country Golf Club Junior Championship played over the past weekend:

W. C. Hung beat C. H. Busto at the 21st.
George Lee beat C. Kew 8 and 6.
A. R. Pinna beat A. G. Botelho 2 up.

S. V. Gittins beat H. R. Pinna 7 and 6.
BOGEY COMPETITION
A Bogey Competition played yesterday was won by Mr. A. J. Kew one up.

HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS

LONDON, Dec. 26 (Reuter).—The following were the results of football matches played to-day:

| Midland | |
|--------------|-------------------|
| West Brom. | 3 Birmingham 0 |
| Sheffield W. | 2 East Midland 1 |
| Barrow | 2 North Western 1 |
| Bradford | 3 North Eastern 0 |
| Bristol C. | 3 South Western 2 |
| Swindon | 1 Newport 1 |
| Plymouth | 1 Bristol R. 1 |
| | 1 Torquay 1 |
| South "A" | |
| Clapton | 3 Charlton 7 |
| Crystal Pal. | 3 Arsenal 1 |
| Millwall | 0 Southend 1 |
| Norwich | 0 Walsford 1 |
| Tottenham | 0 West Ham 1 |
| South "B" | |
| Aldershot | 3 Fulham 3 |
| Bournemouth | 3 Reading 2 |
| Chelsea | 3 Brighton 2 |
| Queens P.R. | 3 Portsmouth 2 |
| Southampton | 2 Brentford 3 |

British Red Cross Charity Match
Wolves 3 All British XI 2

| Other Matches | |
|---------------|-------------------|
| Barnsley | 5 Burnley 1 |
| Cardiff | 3 Wolverhampton 1 |
| Coventry | 2 Notts C. 2 |
| Doncaster | 2 Blackpool 1 |
| Exeter | 2 Liverpool 1 |
| Huddersfield | 2 Sheffield U. 0 |
| Hull | 4 Grimsby 0 |
| Leeds | 4 Turf 4 |
| Lincoln | 4 Mansfield 1 |
| Manchester U. | 3 Manchester C. 1 |
| Newcastle | 2 Middlesbrough 1 |
| Northampton | 2 Nottingham 1 |
| Notts F. | 2 Leicester 1 |
| Oxford | 2 Stockport 1 |
| Preston | 1 Blackpool 1 |
| Rochdale | 3 Crewe 2 |
| Rotherham | 2 Bradford C. 2 |
| Sheff. Wed. | 3 Carlisle 2 |
| Stoke | 1 Bolton 1 |
| Tranmere | 6 Chester 5 |

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No. 30706 \$11,773.24
No. 91703 1,824.78
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Number of tickets sold, 41,200.
RACE 6
No. 1187 \$1,237.59
No. 917 302.08
No. 1104 121.04
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Materials—5oz. of 3-ply wool in the main shade. 1/2oz. of the same wool in each of 2 contrasting shades. A set of 4 No. 10 needles pointed at both ends. Measurements—Width, 8in. Length, 50in. Abbreviations—K, knit; P, purl; st, stitch; in, inch; st, stocking stitch. Tension—7 1/2 sts. to 1 in.



Using the main shade of wool, cast on 120 sts. (40 on each of 3 needles) and work in rounds of K, 1, P, 1 rib for 1 1/2 in. Continue in st, st. (each round K.) for a further 1 in.

*Silt working in st, st, continue in the following stripes: 1/2 in. of 1st. contrasting shade, 1/2 in. of main shade, 1/2 in. of 2nd. shade contrasting, 1/2 in. of main shade, 1/2 in. of 1st. contrasting shade. Change to the main shade.

Continue in st, st. until work measures 45 1/2 in. from lower edge. Now repeat from * to * once and end with 1 in. of st, st. and 1 1/2 in. in K, 1, P, 1 rib to match the other end. Cast off loosely in the rib.

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Christmas Celebration

Charged with causing malicious damage to a motor car belonging to Mr. L. M. Wylie, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and with being drunk and disorderly in Gloucester Road, Wanchai, on Christmas Day, Able-seaman Robert Leslie Gibbs, 25, of H.M.S. Scout, appeared before Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday. He denied both counts.

Sgt. Dingdale, of Wanchai, said he saw Gibbs standing beside a car with a hammer in his hand.

Chan Kan-kau, mechanic, said he and his colleagues were engaged in changing a wheel of the car outside a garage when Gibbs attempted to strike them. Fearing him, the mechanics fled. Gibbs kicked at one of the car's doors, breaking it, and pulled out a pane of glass, breaking it.

Gibbs remarked that if he had pulled out the glass it was strange he had no cuts on his hands. Chan, replying to Mr. Forrest, said the window pane was made of triplex glass.

Mr. S. O. Ismail, motor car repairer, said he was responsible to Mr. Wylie for the car. The damage caused was approximately \$20.

Gibbs said he had no recollection of any incident with a car.

Mr. Forrest ordered him to pay \$20 compensation to Mr. Wylie on the first count, and fined him \$20 on the second.

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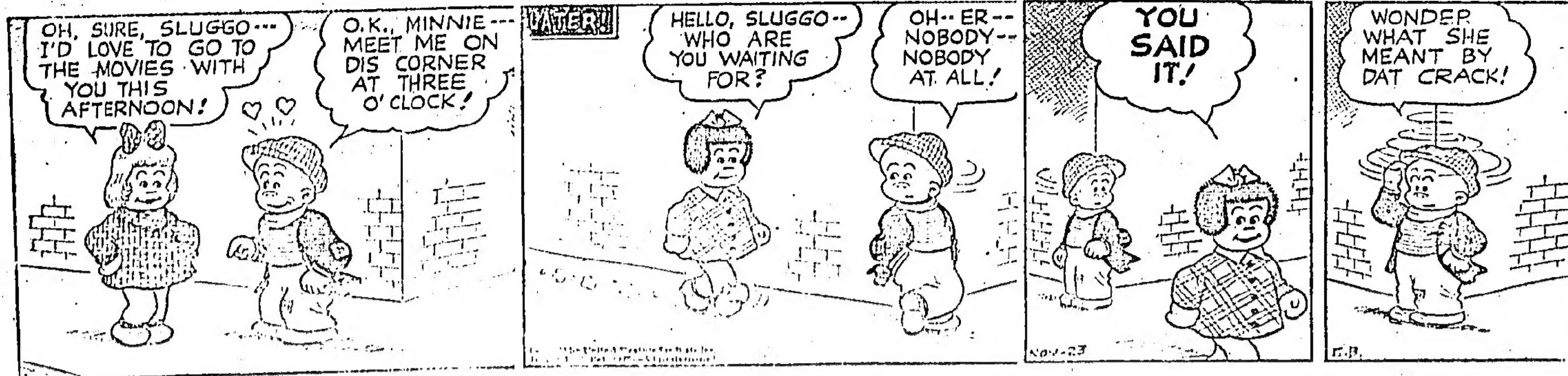
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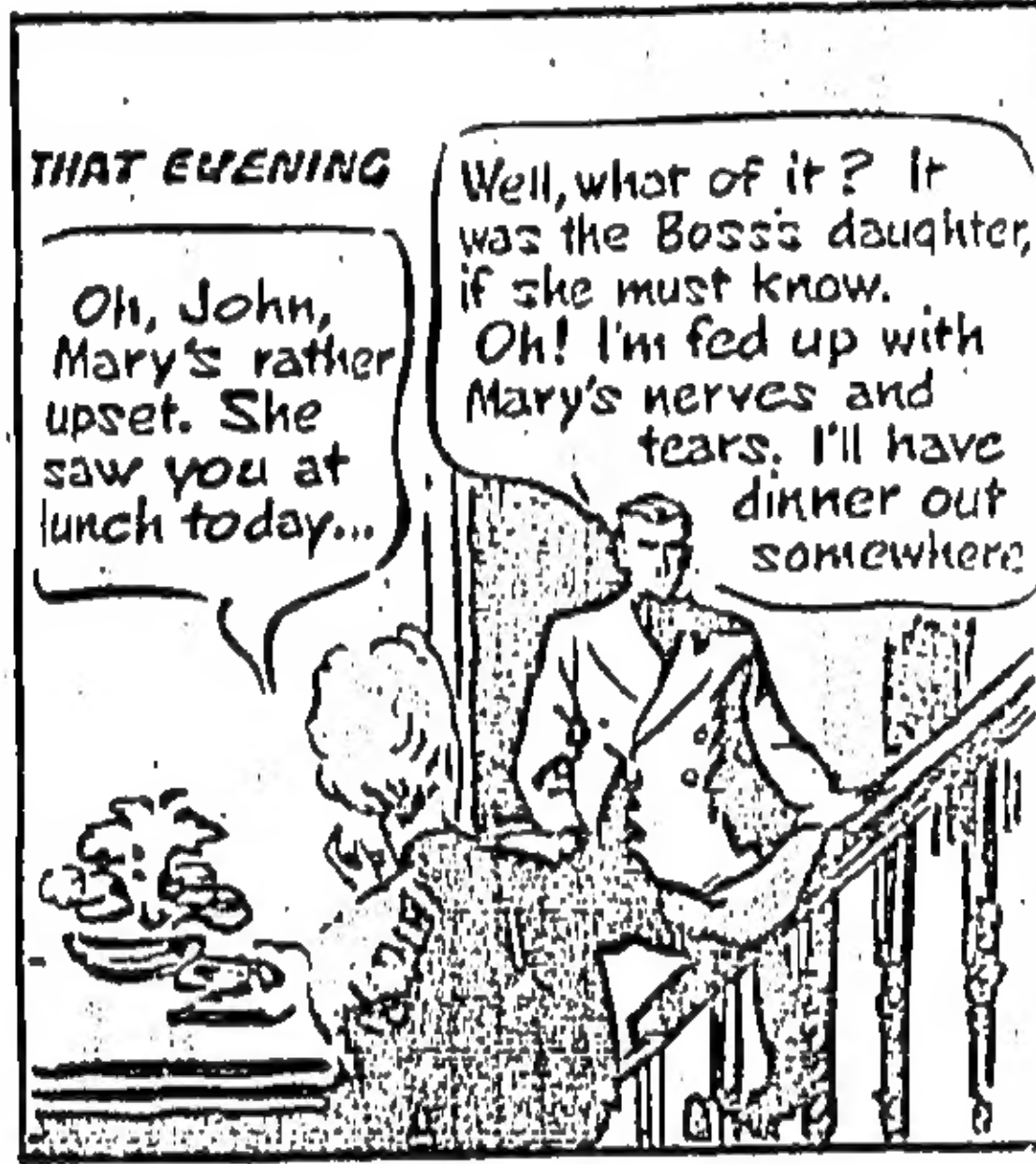
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How Two Chinese Internees Escaped

INDIAN CONSTABLE ACCEPTS BRIBES

TWO internees of the Mau Mau, turned King's evidence Saturday when Constable Ghulam Hu E. Himsworth with aiding and abetting bribes of \$15 from Ko Kwok

THE CHINA WAR

SINYANG BATTLE RAGES

Chinese Work Havoc With Sabotage

Fighting in and around Sinyang, an important town on the Peiping-Hankow Railway in South Honan, is raging unabated, states a "Central News" message today from Nanyang.

Two strategic points, Wuchiatun and Lichienchi, have been regained by the Chinese.

North-west of Sinyang, a Japanese force counter-attacking near Yalu was defeated. The Chinese further claim. More than 400 of the vanguards were killed.

Another Japanese drive at Chang-takwan, 14 miles north of Sinyang, has also been repulsed.

Troop Trucks Wrecked

Owing to the disruption of communication on the Peiping-Hankow Railway, caused by Chinese sabotage, the Japanese are utilizing the Sinyang-Hankow highway for transportation. But more than 30 Japanese trucks, heavily loaded with supplies, were wrecked by the Chinese on Christmas Day in a lightning raid.

Chinese troops operating on the north bank of the Sinyang River made another attack against the Japanese at Yoyang from the east and south, says a dispatch from Nanchang. Several Japanese officers and men passing through Linxun, south-east of Yoyang, in motor-cars yesterday were attacked and killed by Chinese guerrillas.

"Staggering Losses"

Japanese forces in the Hupai sector are said to have suffered staggering losses when Chinese troops recaptured several strategic points north-west of Yinshan, including Yuchiatun, Tien-shihikang, Tsinglung-tien, Hinglung-tien and Kwantung.

In Kiangsi, Chinese guerrilla activity on the Nanchang-Yanchow highway shows no relaxation. The highway north and south of Sinyang has been completely cut.

Further south the Japanese driving toward Wanglung on the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway, 15 miles east of Canton and 10 miles southeast of Sheldung, have been repulsed, it is stated. Japanese aircraft have been helping their land forces to effect.

A Japanese attempt to land at Samkong from a number of motor-boats failed, the landing party being driven back by accurate fire.

Japanese Lines Pierced

CHUNGKING, Dec. 27 (Reuters).—Chinese forces in Suiyuan on Christmas Eve broke through the Japanese lines and reached the suburbs of Kweiwei, the capital of Suiyuan, where fighting is going on, according to Chinese reports.

After the occupation of Paotou by the Chinese on December 21, the Japanese troops at Tachingshan rushed reinforcements to the town but the detachments were ambushed by the Chinese.

The Japanese, supported by artillery and aircraft, are said to have launched a counter-attack on December 24, but are reported to have been driven back.

In Kwangtung and Kiangsi, the Japanese are at present counter-attacking Chinese dispatches state.

Chingai Again Lost

After the occupation of Chingai, northwest of Nanchang, by the Chinese, Japanese forces at Fengsin are said to have counter-attacked and recaptured Chingai city from the Chinese following street fighting.

The Chinese are at present holding on in the hills southwest of the town.

In Kwangtung, Japanese forces north of Canton are reported to be pushing northward in three columns in a counter-offensive.

One column advancing northward along the Canton-Hankow Railway towards Yanchow is stated to have crossed the Pa River on Sunday.

Another column is reported to be

moving towards Tsungshan, east of the railway, while a third column is pushing towards Lungmoon to encircle Tsungshan from the north-east.

In south-east Shansi, the Chinese claim the occupation of Lichen on December 23 and Tungyangtuan on the following day.

Inspector H. E. Rogers prosecuted and said he had been instructed to apply for a withdrawal of the escape charge against Ko and Yeung on the condition that they turned King's evidence. This was explained to the two men, and after this the charge was withdrawn.

Inspector Rogers said there were a large number of internees at the Camp and at 3.15 a.m., on December 16, a police constable who was on duty at Tam Kung Road near Boun-dary Street saw two men approaching. Having been on duty at the Camp previously, the constable recognised the men as internees and arrested them. At the Kowloon Police Station the men admitted they were internees but did not state how they escaped.

Constable Takes Bribes

On further investigation, continued the inspector, it was discovered that Ko and Yeung were let out at the main gate of the Camp by the constable on duty there. It appeared that through previous arrangements, the constable had promised to allow them to pass, on payment of certain sums of money.

On December 14 the Indian constable arranged to let the men out on the following day but that escape did not take place because something happened. On the next day, Ko and Yeung were let out after each man had paid money to the constable.

Three Indian constables at various observation posts saw two men passing out through the main gate. Giving evidence, Ko said he had been in the Camp for the past 10 months. Explaining how he and Yeung had escaped, Ko said there was an arrangement with defendant and they had passed through the main gate. An arrangement had been made for them to pay defendant money. He had paid defendant \$15. He and Yeung were supposed to have left the Camp on December 15 but this did not happen as they were found sleeping in the Y.M.C.A. hut close to the Camp's main gate and were sent away by a Sergeant. Next day, defendant saw him and asked why they had been so clumsy.

Accused Given \$15

Ko said they arrived at the gate at 2.30 p.m. on December 16, and defendant who was on duty there asked them why they were so late. After the gate had been opened, he gave defendant \$15, and the money was accepted.

Yeung corroborated Ko's evidence of the escape.

Constable Abdullah said on the night of the escape he was on duty at the No. 1 Sentry Post, overlooking the gate. He saw two men pass out of the gate. There was not much rattling of the padlock or keys. When the two men had left he asked defendant who they were and defendant replied they were Y.M.C.A. men.

Defendant's Story

Speaking from the dock defendant said: I was on duty when I saw these two men. One of them produced a pass. I saw a photo on the pass and so I let him go out. Soon after, the second Chinese came and he also produced a pass, and I let him go out. I thought they were working in the kitchen as cooks. I let them out because they had their passes. With regard to the payment of money, I absolutely deny that. There has been no arrangement with these Chinese before. I saw them for the first time when they came to me at the gate.

Defendant was convicted and sentenced to nine months' hard labour on the aiding and abetting charge and six months' on the bribery counts, the terms to run concurrently.

Inspector Rogers said no one was allowed to enter or leave the Camp between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Mr. W. P. Thompson, Assistant Superintendent of Police, asked Mr. Himsworth to deal with the case seriously. Defendant had a fair Police record.



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WAR BECOMING A LITTLE LESS GENTLEMANLY

LONDON, Dec. 26 (UP).—After nearly four months of sparring amidst the mud and the blockhouses of the Western Front, combined with "hush hush" diplomatic activity aimed at outmanoeuvring the enemy, the second European war is getting a little less gentlemanly than it was at the beginning.

The "old school tie" spirit is getting a little frayed, and as far as the radio, newspapers and official comment go, things are inclined to get a little rude at times.

Even the stately "Times" whose editors used to entertain former wine salesman Joachim von Ribbentrop at weekend parties, is forgetting itself to the extent of printing editorials full of epithets.

The latest, headed "A Bungler's Apologia," refers to the German Foreign Minister as a "Comparatively genial ruffian."

It also describes him as "so disinterested a bungler" and says that the "author of Germany's disillusionment" is now "trying by bluster and false charges to absolve himself from the consequences of his own ineptitude."

When Ribbentrop was appointed Ambassador to the Court of St. James, the "Times" said he would be "welcomed here both for his own sake as a man whom many of us have come to know and respect and also for the policy of co-operation which he is believed to represent."

Now he is referred to in the same column as "a travelling wine-merchant" who "frankly surprised" Englishmen when appointed Ambassador to the Court of St. James, and "altogether too light a weight" for the job.

Fierce Cartoons
Heavily fierce cartoons of Hitler, Goering and other Nazi leaders are being printed, although most are reproductions from continental newspapers.

One showed Hitler "the hater, hater." His nose was swollen to three times its normal size and looked as if he were a lifelong drunkard. His eyes were the size of saucers.

The other was of "Hermann, Hater II, hater too." If anything, Hermann Field Marshal Goering looks the tougher and Adolf the more worried and bewildered.

Official comment on Nazi bigshot speeches is now often besprinkled with expressions like "lying," "mendacious," "misleading" and "ridiculous."

Even the dulcet toned B.B.C., over whose other waves the accents of public schoolboys are disseminated throughout Europe and the Empire, is "playing up" and "playing the game" in their broadcast by the deterioration in good manners.

Now the B.B.C. refers to "Hitler," "Goering," "Ribbentrop" and "Goebbels" without prefix. For a number of weeks it used to be "Herr Hitler," "Herr Goering," "Herr Ribbentrop" and "Herr Goebbels."

Stalin and Molotov, however, never did make the grade for more than a few broadcasts, when the announcer forgot himself. Molotov in one broadcast was referred to as Monsieur Molotov, but in the same sentence Stalin was mentioned without prefix.

H.K. ADOPTS FIRST 1939 WAR SONG

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HONGKONG is whistling and singing the first War song, "We'll Hang Our Washing On the Siegfried Line," introduced here by Nick Korin and his Swing Orchestra at the Gripps.

The tune is set to swing Polka tempo and, with another 1939 hit, "Beer Barrel Polka," has served to introduce the swing polka to the Colony.

Only a handful of couples patronising the Gripps are doing the correct swing polka, which consists of a broken-time chase and a quick-step waltz swing; the majority preferring to goose-step around the dance floor.

But whether they swing-polka correct or not, patrons of the Gripps have certainly taken to "We'll Hang Our Washing On the Siegfried Line." During the Christmas week-end, a large printed placard introduced the words to dancers.

The chorus is the chorus: "We're going to hang out the washing on the Siegfried Line."

"Have you any dirty washing, Mother dear?"
"We're going to hang out the washing on the Siegfried Line."

"Cos the washing day is near."
"Whether the weather may be wet or fine,
"We'll just rub along with-out a care."
"We're going to hang out the washing on the Siegfried Line."

If the Siegfried Line's still there."

BIG MACAO EXPLOSION

Bomb In Well-Known City Hotel

Macao was rudely shaken on Saturday night by a terrific bomb explosion in the Central Hotel, where is situated one of the Colony's most popular gambling establishments.

The explosion occurred on the first floor at a time when the building is normally packed during week-ends with visitors from Hongkong and many other parts of Kwangtung.

A great panic followed the sudden detonation. Hundreds rushed helter skelter to the elevators and staircases and many are said to have been injured in the mad scramble. Outside a great crowd collected within a few minutes and traffic became impassable in the narrow street.

Police were quickly on the scene, but investigation showed that little damage had been done.

According to a Hongkong resident who was an eye-witness, the explosion occurred on the staircase of the first floor and as far as he knew, there were no casualties.

Mr. Fu Wai-sang, a well-known Hongkong resident, who owns the Central Hotel, was staying in the Hotel at the time. The motive of the plot is still obscure and police investigations are proceeding.

Water Rents To Be Made Quarterly
Effective As From January 1

As from January 1, water charges in Hongkong will be made quarterly, instead of annually, according to a bill to be introduced before the Legislative Council to-morrow.

It is stated that it is considered preferable to fix water rents at quarterly instead of annual rates, and to collect them quarterly.

Other business to come before the Council will be the first reading of the bill providing for the registration of dentists. The provisions of this bill were published in the "Telegraph" last Saturday.

Flattened Bullet As War Souvenir

A FLATTENED bullet is being kept by a Royal Air Force gunner to remind him of his daring raid on the German warships, caught by surprise at Heligoland.

That bullet nearly took his life. All that saved him from it was the buckle of his parachute.

The gunner was in the plane that became isolated and was singled out for attack by a Messerschmitt fighter, the only German machine to take the air.

In the middle of the machine-gun duel the gunner was hit and hurled back in his seat.

Then as his hands fumbled to find his wound, something clanked on the floor of the cockpit. It was the bullet, flattened by hitting his parachute buckle.

He seized his gun again and opened fire. With smoke and flames spouting from the fuselage the Messerschmitt dived down towards the sea.

Only one of the British bombers that took part in the raid was damaged, but the skill of its pilot brought it home only a quarter of an hour after the others had landed.

It was in perfect weather that the bombers set out on the raid, and they reached Heligoland about 11.45 in the morning.

Riding high in the blue, they gazed down on the two small islands where two Nazi cruisers and several smaller craft, probably minelayers, were at anchor.

Radio orders cracked out from the squadron leader, and the bombers went hurtling down through bursting anti-aircraft shells.

Two Circuits
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"In addition, we enjoy a greater security, for we in South Africa are under no illusion about what would happen to us were Germany to win this war."

There was some measure of irresolution among some of the Dutch-speaking citizens of the Union at the outbreak of war, he added, but thanks to the prompt action of General Smuts they were now largely rallying.

Mr. Anthony Eden, Dominions Minister, introduced the other representatives of the Empire countries who have been touring France and Britain and exchanging views and information with the British Government.

LATE NEWS

Other business to come before the Council will be the first reading of the bill providing for the registration of dentists. The provisions of this bill were published in the "Telegraph" last Saturday.

The Attorney-General, the Hon. Mr. C. G. Ainsworth, is also to move a motion that the by-laws made by the Urban Council under sections 5 and 6 of the Public Health (Food) Ordinance, 1938, amending the by-laws in the schedule to that Ordinance under the heading "Sale of Milk generally," and "Dairies," and "Milk Shops" be approved.

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